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New labor measures announced

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The Labor Offices throughout the Kingdom will take over the transfer of sponsorship of expatriates and their loaning among companies and establishments under an agreement reached between the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and the Ministry of the Interior.

An official spokesman of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs said Sunday that a number of measures have been taken to regulate the process. The measures provide that the loaning of a labor should not exceed three months or the period of labor permit, whichever is less. It can be renewed for a similar period.

The measures further stipulate that the loaning of labor should be to cover a job with the hiring employer, bearing the same nature of work as done by the laborer. Furthermore, the loaning should be within a specified limit of 30 per cent of the number of expatriates.

The spokesman said that, according to the new measures, the loaning should be confined to vocations which do not require the laborers concerned to work more than a specific period or periods in a single process, as is the case in some construction activities.

Under the new measures, he said, the loaning must be carried out in the form of a written agreement, signed by the original employer, the hiring employer and the hired laborer. The agreement must include all terms and conditions specifying the rights and obligations of each party.

The agreement must say that the work contract will continue to be between the original employer and the employee during the period of loaning, and the former would continue to remain sponsor of the laborer.

The loaning period must be counted within the period of his service with the original employer.

None of the labor's rights agreed to in its work contract must be violated as a result of the loaning process.

Both the original employer and the hiring employer must support all dues of the labor or any other party, in regard to the period of loaning.

The new measures further provide that in advance sanction must be obtained from the competent Labor Office, and an application for loaning must be submitted enclosing the agreement.

The transfer of sponsorship for an expatriate labor will not be possible unless the following conditions are fulfilled:—

- (1) The labor in question must have completed at least six months with his sponsor.
- (2) The applicant must be in need of the services of the employee in question, and that his (applicant's) profession must conform to that of the employer.
- (3) That no such Saudi Arabian is available who is willing to take up the job.

The measures make it clear that an application for the transfer of sponsorship must be submitted to the competent Labor Office, enclosing a "no objection" certificate from the original employer. The Labor Office will then study the application to ensure whether it fulfills all the conditions, and will consequently intimate the competent immigration department about the results of its study.

The applicant will not be allowed to employ such a labor before the submission of his application to the Labor Office. The latter will register the application and will set a date for the completion of formalities connected with the transfer of sponsorship, in case all the conditions are fulfilled.

If the conditions are not met, or if the applicant in question does not call at the Labor Office on the appointed date for the completion of formalities, and employs the labor, he would hold himself responsible for employing the labor in question in an illegal manner.



Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo



Prince Saud Al Faisal

King Hussein affirms PLO represents people

BEIRUT, Dec. 21 (Agencies) — King Hussein of Jordan has reaffirmed his support for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, stating that it must be the main recipient of any solution to the Palestinian problem.

The King also labeled the Camp David peace process a "dead horse," and called on President-elect Ronald Reagan in an interview published Sunday not to be a "prisoner of past policies."

The 46-year-old monarch told Beirut's English-language weekly *Monday Morning* negotiations for the return of Israeli-occupied Arab land was the correct approach rather than talks on limited autonomy for 1.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The territorial approach...is the right approach," Hussein said, adding that the U.S.-inspired Egypt-Israel talks on Palestinian autonomy failed to deal with key issues such as Jerusalem.

Hussein said "it is likely" he would meet with Reagan soon after the new American leader takes office. In a post-election interview Reagan said meeting the Jordanian monarch was to foreign policy priority.

"Jordan's position is that the people of Palestine — as represented by the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the people of Palestine — must be the major party in any solution to the Palestinian problem," Hussein was quoted as saying in the interview.

Iran demands \$23b for hostages

TEHRAN, Dec. 21 (AP) — Iran is demanding the United States deposit \$23 billion in the Algerian central bank before the 52 U.S. hostages are released, according to the official, English-language text of Iran's latest message to the United States containing demands for the captives' release. The next was released by Iranian officials on Sunday.

Before the text was released, Behzad Nabavi, the head of Iran's government commission negotiating the hostages' release, said at a news conference in Tehran that Iran had asked the United States to deposit in excess of \$19 billion — including more than \$9 billion to cover Iranian assets frozen in U.S. banks after the hostages were seized and \$10 billion to cover the wealth of the late Shah. Algeria is acting as an intermediary in hostage negotiations at Iran's request.

Later, the official text of the Iranian message to the United States, released by the government, confirmed the \$9 billion and \$10 billion figures and showed that an additional \$4 billion was being requested in cash, "or any other valid guarantee acceptable to the above bank, as a guarantee of the bona fide discharge of its (the U.S. government's) obligations." It did not define what it meant by "obligations."

The figures were the first from the Iranian regime on financial demands being made before the captives could be freed.

On Saturday, Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai said the demand for returning the Shah's wealth was the only potential problem among Iranian terms for the hostages' release.

Nabavi said the hostages would be released within 24 hours after the U.S. government accepted Iranian conditions for their release and that they could leave "by bus or by plane, it's up to the U.S., and they should pay for it."

Announcement for Americans

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — American men born in 1962 and 1963 Sunday were urged "to pay careful attention" to an announcement by the Selective Service, a U.S. Embassy statement said. "Presidential Proclamation 4771 of July 2, 1980 calls for Selective Service registration abroad of male U.S. citizens born in calendar year 1962 during January 3 - 7, 1981. Those born in 1963 or later are to be registered within 30 days of their eighteenth birthday effective January 5, 1981 and will be registered continuously thereafter as they turn eighteen," the statement said.

It added: "Selective Service wishes to stress that late registration of males born in 1960 and 1961 will continue without any special procedure. Persons may register at the U.S. Embassy, Consular Section, Jeddah; USLO, Riyadh; and the American Consulate General, Dhahran."

Soviets fail to achieve objectives in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — A year after Soviet troops marched into Afghanistan, the Kremlin has failed to achieve its minimum political and military objectives and faces continued powerful opposition both within Afghanistan and from the world community, a senior U.S. official says.

The official offered this assessment in a briefing to reporters on Friday, conceding that his purpose was to keep the largely unreported war in Afghanistan before the public eye as the first anniversary approaches.

The administration has stopped describing the Soviet move into Afghanistan — as President Carter once did — as the gravest threat to peace since World War II. But the official said almost nothing has gone right for the Soviets since the Red Army went on the march last year.

The official, who requested anonymity, made the following points:

- Despite Soviet efforts, rival Communist

factions in Afghanistan have been unable to patch up their differences. President Babrak Karmal, is widely perceived as a Soviet puppet with minimal support from the populace.

- At the time the first pro-Soviet government took power in Afghanistan, in April 1978, the Afghan army had between 90,000 and 100,000 troops. The figure today is down to about 25,000 to 30,000 as a result of a steady series of defections. The Soviet occupation force, numbering some 85,000, is doing most of the fighting.
- The resistance of Afghan nationalists remains viable if not stronger than a year ago, although the official refused to say whether these forces have been aided by clandestine shipments of American weaponry. The Soviets believed that a massive show of force would intimidate the nationalists but, instead, it appeared to increase their will to resist.
- The number of Afghans fleeing to

neighboring Pakistan and Iran has averaged about 80,000 a month. More than 1.25 million Afghans have fled the country, about 10 per cent of the normal population. The continued exodus of Afghans suggests that Soviet efforts to pacify the countryside have not succeeded.

- Opposition to the Soviet occupation from the world community has not diminished. Twice, the United Nations General Assembly has called for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Afghanistan by margins of more than 5 to 1. Beyond that, there has been almost no progress toward a political solution. The Soviets continue to reject withdrawal proposals while the Afghan government's own proposals seem aimed at legitimizing its rule without addressing the issue of the Soviet military presence.

Meanwhile a former Afghan general says that deposed Afghan King Muhammad Zahir Shah, overthrown in 1973, is willing to lead the anti-Soviet resistance if requested by freedom fighters, a Pakistani newspaper reported Sunday.

The daily *Muslim* quoted retired Lt. Gen. Muhammad Akram Muhammadzai, leader of the Wahadat-e-Milli party, as saying that the ex-monarch is now the only person capable of uniting the faction-ridden resistance movement.

Muhammadzai denied earlier reports that the king living in Italy, had refused to take an active leadership role in the resistance. He asserted that the king wanted to participate in the struggle, but was not interested in returning to the throne.

He said 105 different insurgent groups now existed. Feuding between the factions and their inability to make good on promises to ill-equipped guerrillas has led to disenchantment with exile leaders based in Pakistan, as well as some nostalgia for the former king.

In joint communique Saudi Arabia, Italy urge end to Israeli occupation

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Italy Sunday called for a just, lasting and comprehensive solution of the Arab Israeli conflict on the basis of a full Israeli withdrawal from the Arab lands it occupied in 1967, including the Holy City of Jerusalem. They also called for the right of self-determination to the Palestinian people, according to a joint communique issued here and in Rome after the two-day visit to Italy of Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, and his talks with the Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo.

The communique said the two countries condemned any unilateral action to change the status of Jerusalem or its characteristics. They firmly reiterated the necessity for the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan so that the people there may be free to determine their own future without foreign interference. The two sides reviewed the major economic problems of the world and called for the control of inflation and increased international cooperation.

They urged greater research for alternative sources of energy and the need to conserve existing ones and agreed to support efforts to find a new international economic order. Saudi Arabia expressed its appreciation of the constructive role played by Italy in the world in the pursuit of these objectives while Italy appreciated the role of Saudi Arabia "as the largest oil exporter and a major monetary power." They stressed the importance of their economic and commercial relations and agreed to promote them in their mutual interest, and decided that the Joint Saudi Italian Commission should meet as soon as possible. Specific contacts between the public and private organizations in both countries should be made, they said.

Prince Saud conveyed the King's condolences over the victims of the recent earthquake in Italy and invited Colombo to visit Saudi Arabia.

Prince Saud meanwhile returned here Sunday after a two-day visit to Italy. He also had an audience in the Vatican with Pope John Paul.

In a rare breach of protocol the Vatican, which usually does not disclose details of the Pope's private audiences, issued an official communique after the 45-minute meeting. The gesture underlined the importance it attributed to the meeting between a Pope and a member of the Saudi Arabian Royal family.

Vatican sources said. The communique said the Pope and Prince Saud also discussed the Middle East, Palestine and the status of Jerusalem.

They stressed the necessity that these conflicts should be solved by peaceful means on the basis of equity," the communique said. They also underlined the need to promote spiritual and moral values and improve relations between Christians and Muslims, it added.

The communique said Prince Saud informed the Pope of his government's concern about the illegal action by which Israel annexed the Holy City (Jerusalem). Pope John Paul repeated the Holy See's opposition to any unilateral change in the political status of Jerusalem and its proposals for the city to become a meeting point of the three monotheistic religions — Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

The Pope also urged action to resolve, on the basis of equity, the problem of the Palestinian people and to maintain the independence, territorial integrity and unity of Lebanon, the communique said.

Jerusalem body meets

RABAT, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Delegates from 13 Muslim countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) are again meeting here Monday to study ways and means of recovering Jerusalem from Israel.

A two-day meeting of the Organization of Islamic Conference's Al Quds (Jerusalem) committee, chaired by Morocco's King Hassan II, will be to prepare a report for submission to the conference itself when it convenes in Saudi Arabia on Jan. 25.

It is understood that the report will be in two parts, the first an outline of the Al Quds

Panel set up to settle inter-Arab differences

AMMAN, Dec. 21 (R) — A tripartite committee will soon begin work on improving inter-Arab relations, according to Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Klibi. Klibi, who has been touring Arab countries, said in a statement published in Amman Sunday that the committee comprised Saudi Arabia, Algeria and the Arab League.

The Arab states have been divided over the Gulf war, with Jordan backing Iraq in the face of opposition from Syria, Libya and South Yemen. A number of other countries gave Iraq tacit support and some remained neutral.

Klibi, on his way home from Baghdad through Amman Sunday, said in the statement he had found there was full agreement that Arab solidarity should be put before all bilateral differences and that every Arab country was determined to use all its resources for common Arab cause.

He said it has been agreed that the committee should use its good offices to remove all that had marred inter-Arab relations since the Tunis summit conference last year.

Klibi, a Tunisian, said he had had talks with Libya, Tunisia, Syria, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, South Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and the PLO leadership.

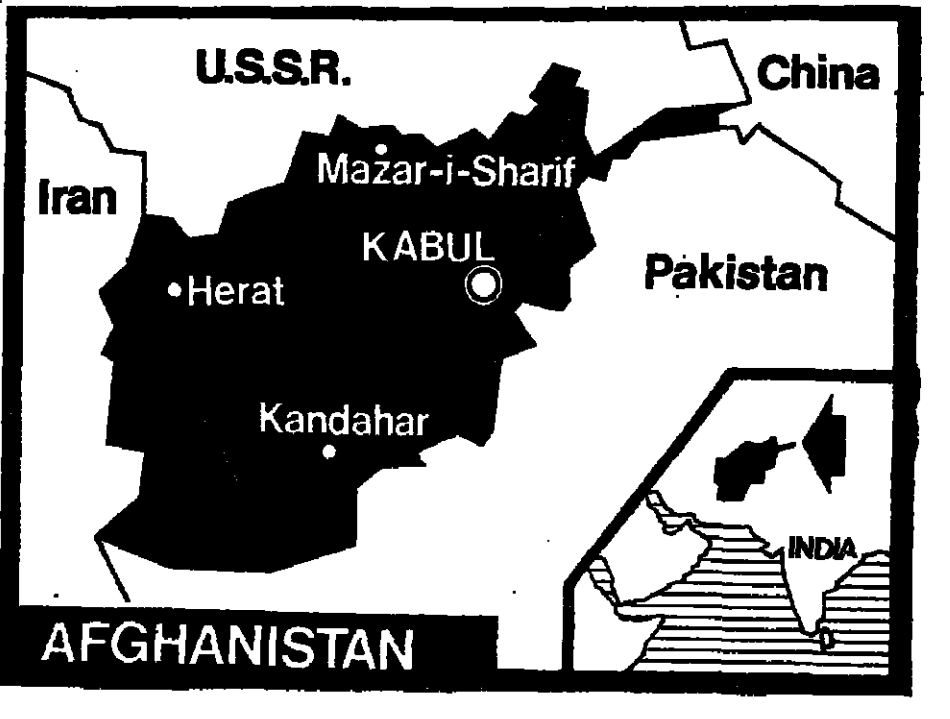
Egyptians told U.S. military presence restricted

CAIRO, Dec. 21 (AP) — U.S. military presence at the Ras Banas base on the Red Sea would "only be temporary, for a specific period of joint exercises," Deputy Prime Minister Fuad Mohiedin was quoted as saying in Sunday's *Al-Ahram* newspaper.

His remarks to parliament Saturday were the first official public reference to the American use of the base which has been a bone of contention in opposition newspapers since the proposal was anonymously leaked to the press last summer. Mohiedin was replying to a query by an independent member of the Egyptian People's Assembly (parliament).

"I read in an American magazine recently that Egypt is overly sensitive to make clear that U.S. military presence here is always on a temporary basis, without the establishment of permanent bases. Well it's true," *Al-Ahram* quoted Mohiedin as saying.

He referred to the two instances of joint Egyptian-American military exercises which took place this year in the desert west of Cairo.



Official tells conference

Planning solved housing problems

DAMASCUS, Dec. 21 (SPA) — State minister and cabinet member, Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Masoud, said here Saturday that the Kingdom coped with housing problems by developing and planning the housing situation in the Kingdom.

Saudi Arabia's delegation head for the fifth Arab housing and reconstruction ministers conference told the other delegates that Saudi Arabia experienced a unique experiment in solving its housing problems especially regarding land, plots and building. The

Kingdom carried out long-term housing projects to serve the public, he said. He also pointed out that housing problems are not restricted to developing countries, but the whole world.

Sheikh Masoud highlighted the Kingdom's role in promoting Arab cooperation and economic integrity by financing real estate development projects in Arab and Islamic countries. He called for the preservation of the Islamic and Arab character of Jerusalem. The Islamic concerns are the responsibility of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Muslim foreign ministers and the Jerusalem Committee, he said, and the Kingdom plays a major role in this connection, financially and politically.

The conference, which opened Saturday morning, elected Syrian Housing Minister Nours Al-Dagar as the conference's chairman. The Algerian minister was elected as vice-president and the Bahraini minister as rapporteur. In addition to the Kingdom, delegates of the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Algeria, Qatar, Iraq, Sudan, Bahrain, Libya, Palestine, North Yemen and South Yemen addressed the conference.

Later in the evening, the conference resumed its meetings. Two committees — the Committee of Heads of Delegations and the Technical and Administrative Committee — were formed. The committee delegation's

heads will discuss issues on the agenda, including the results of a Committee working on preserving the cultural and traditional character of Jerusalem and issue of establishing Arab companies for producing construction materials.

The committee also will consider proposals of Arab countries and memorandums of the Secretariat General of the Arab League. It will decide when and where the sixth Arab housing and reconstruction ministers' conference will be held.

Meanwhile, the technical and administrative committee will work on a report by the executive bureau for pursuing resolutions and recommendations of the fourth housing and reconstruction conference. It will also discuss proposals presented to the Housing and Reconstruction Department of the Arab League by some Arab countries.

In addition, the technical and administrative committee will discuss feasibility studies for forming joint Arab contracting companies for natural disasters and reconstruction of Assam, Algeria, destroyed by an earthquake in September.



Mayor Farsi

Mayor Farsi promoted

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi has been promoted to the senior service by order of King Khaled. He has been mayor for nearly ten years.

A graduate in engineering from Cairo, Farsi led the development of the city and turned it into a metropolis for a million people, which expanded 40 times since the early 1960s.

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| Isha | 7.15 | 7.10 | 6.41 |

COMMENT

By Abdul Aziz Al-Tamimi
Al-Bilad

Progressivism and reactionism are expressions that are used at random without being fully conscious of their meaning and import. It is, indeed, a matter of regret that the meaning of these expressions has begun to produce an admixture of such sayings which are nowhere in proximity to their real sense.

You are branded a reactionary if you adhere to the sublime human values, your heritage and culture. People also will call you reactionary and backward only because you cannot keep up with fake manifestations which we observe in the behavior of those bathed in the Western civilization.

But you will be a progressive individual if you leave aside your history and heritage and adopt the modern way of life, believing that absolute doubt in everything is the basis of progress.

Regrettably, most of us repeat the expressions "reactionary," "progressive" and "backward," without even understanding the ideological concept on which they are based. The idea of progressivism is a colonial discovery, given prominence by the colonialists in an attempt to deprive the Islamic nation of its culture and heritage and to keep it surviving under fake paper slogans.

I wish we had understood that progressivism is not contained in words only; but it is an action to boost civilization, to show excellence and to live a contemporary and developed social life. Many countries known as "progressive" exercise such actions which do not at all conform to the concept of a real progress. Their propounders believe that "liberalism" is another name for progress and liberation from all values and principles could be termed as "advancement."

I wonder when the Arab and Islamic societies would give up their complexes to be able to cope with the destructive elements in the society which are eating them up from within.

Gulf education planners to meet in Riyadh

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The Executive Council of the Arab Gulf Educational Bureau will hold its ninth ordinary session in Riyadh from Jan. 18 to 22, officials reported Saturday.

The council will discuss what has been achieved in the Gulf University Project, proposed to be built in Bahrain. Other issues on the agenda include pursuing the resolutions of the fifth conference of Gulf education ministers, resolutions of the executive council's seventh and eighth session held last year.

The council also will review the achievements of other regional educational institutions, including the Educational and Scientific Programs Commission; the Cultural, Documentary and Information Programs Commission; the Arab Educational Research Center and the Higher Education Council of the Gulf Educational Bureau. Other topics to be discussed are proposals and programs for the Gulf Educational Bureau for the years 1982 and 1983.

The proposals include the project of the Gulf University and educational programs by other educational institutes. The council also will consider recommendations of the Higher Education Council on the conditions for exchange of scholarships among member states of the educational bureau, and the efforts for activating the movements of writing, translating and publishing for university books.



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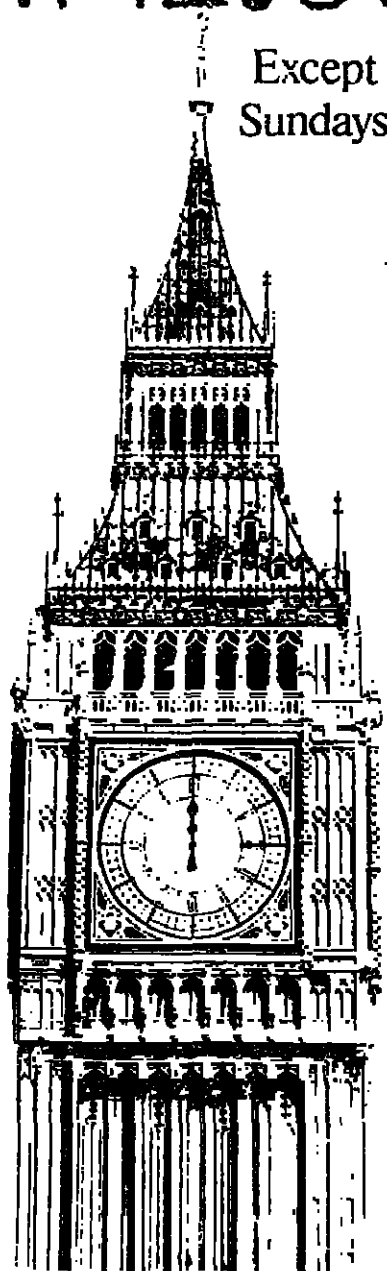
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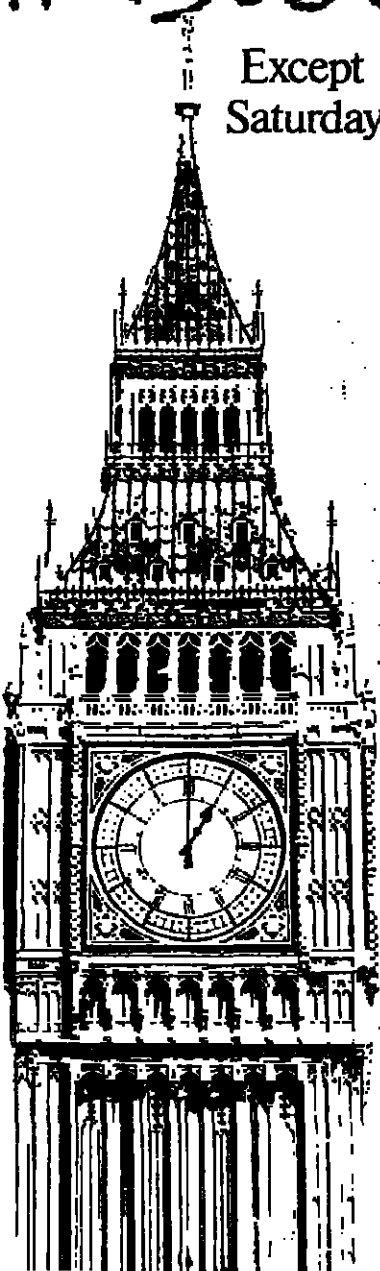
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Numeiri urges Qaddafi to recall troops from Chad

KHARTOUM, Dec. 21 (Agencies) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has urged Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi to withdraw his forces from Chad in the interests of peace in the Central African country, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said Saturday. Numeiri was replying to a message from Qaddafi in which he said the civil war in Chad was over and that a conference of 12 African leaders due to meet in Lagos on Monday to discuss the setting up of a cease-fire was unnecessary. Numeiri said Sudan would insist on the conference being convened and would appeal to all African states to demand the withdrawal of Libyan troops from Chad. U.S. officials this week estimated that about 6,000 Libyan troops backed by more than 50 tanks and heavy artillery, were fighting on the side of Chad President Goukouni Ndeye Sengha against the forces of Defense Minister Hissene Habre in the nine-month civil war. Meanwhile, President Goukouni, victorious in the war, says he sees no reason for the

multi-party conference on Chad. In an interview with the Cameroon Tribune newspaper, carried Saturday by the Chad news agency, Goukouni said the calling of a conference was "nonsense." Also Qaddafi was quoted as saying he was against a conference at which a Libyan withdrawal from Chad would certainly be discussed, dooming further the meeting's chance of success. The talks in the Nigerian capital are supposed to assemble 12 African states, including Chad's neighbors (Libya is one), and all the Chadian armed factions. SUNA quoted Qaddafi as telling Numeiri in a message that "Chad is now enjoying peace and stability." But other African states, fearful of Libya's future intention both in Chad and toward them, have seen the conference as a forum for discussing a withdrawal of the Libyan troops and the dispatch of an inter-African peacekeeping force, possibly with United Nations support.

Tunis school closed after disorders

TUNIS, Dec. 21 (AFP) — The Tunisian government announced Sunday that it had temporarily closed the postal-communications training school here because of political disturbances caused by some of the student technicians.

The posts and telecommunications minister, in a statement, "disorders provoked

by certain irresponsible elements who have committed violent acts against their comrades." The statement said these students were acting "under the influence of a so-called ideology that is not a part of Tunisian life, and by threat, are assuming the right to keep the great majority of the students from pursuing their studies."

Peres opposes return of Arab mayors

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21 (R) — The Israeli Labor Party Sunday denied that its leader, Yitzhak Peres, promised to allow three Palestinian officials expelled from the West Bank to return if the party wins a general election scheduled for next November.

Hebron Mayor Fahd Kawasmeb, one of the expelled Palestinians, said at the United Nations on Friday before starting a hunger strike that Peres made the promise to Syrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and West German Chancellor Willy Brandt at a recent meeting of the socialist

International in Madrid. But a spokesman for the Labor Party described the claim as "utter nonsense." He said Peres had not had any contacts with either Kreisky or Brandt since Kawasmeb and Halhoul Mayor Muhammad Milhem were deported for the second time on Dec. 5. The two mayors were first expelled last May together with the Muslim religious judge of Hebron Sheikh Rajab Al-Tamini for alleged incitement to violence. The U.N. Security Council called on Israel on Friday to let the three return to their homes.

Autonomy talks resume next month

CAIRO, Dec. 21 (R) — Talks between Egypt, Israel and the United States on Palestinian autonomy will resume at expert level in Tel Aviv in mid-January, foreign ministry officials said Sunday. Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali and Israeli Interior Minister Yosef

Borg agreed on this when they met in Israel last week, the officials said. The talks, set up under the Camp David accords to define the powers of a Palestinian self-rule council for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, have made little progress since they began in May 1979.



CREDENTIALS: Sheikh Abdul-Rahman Faris Al-Khalifa, Bahrain's ambassador to Britain, is seen leaving the embassy for Buckingham Palace last week to present his credentials to the Queen.

Congressman meets Zia

Pakistan 'still wants U.S. aid'

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 21 (AP) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq and other Pakistani leaders still want U.S. military aid, but only if the assistance is large enough to offset the Soviet pressure it might trigger, U.S. Congressman Stephen Solarz said Sunday. Last February, Zia rejected a proposed \$400 million military-economic aid package which he described as "peanuts." Solarz, 40, who is expected to become chairman of the House subcommittee on Asian and Pacific affairs when the next session of Congress begins, said one Pakistani official spelled out exactly what Pakistan wants — four squadrons of F-16 jet fighters. While the outgoing Jimmy Carter administration has refused to introduce a new level of jet fighter technology in the region, Pakistan apparently is hopeful that President-elect Ronald Reagan might take a different stance in view of the Soviet Union's reported decision to sell MiG-25s to India, Pakistan's longtime military rival. Officials here also are hopeful that Reagan would be able to override the Symington amendment which brought about a suspension of military and development aid in 1979 following U.S. intelligence reports that Pakistan was trying to acquire nuclear arms capability. Solarz, before leaving for a two-day visit to India, said Pakistan has become even more fearful of its giant neighbor because of speculation of possible joint Indo-Soviet moves against it. The New York Democrat said, following separate meetings with president Zia and Foreign Minister Agha Shahi, that Pakistani leaders want American aid and security assurances in view of the potential threat

posed by Soviet forces units western border with Afghanistan. But they stressed that such U.S. support must be of sufficient size to make up for what new pressures from the Soviets and political sniping from "radical" states in the region it might set off, he said. Solarz, making a "familiarization" tour of the region, arrived in Pakistan following a briefing in Britain and was scheduled to visit a total of nine countries including Japan, the Philippines and China.

Rightist clashes leave 15 dead in Lebanese town

BEIRUT, Dec. 21 (AP) — Clashes between rival Christian rightist militias left 15 dead and another 15 injured in the town of Zahle in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, police sources said Saturday. The clashes between Lebanon's main Christian militia, the Phalangists led by Bashir Gemayel and the National Liberal Party of former Lebanese President Camille Chamoun began Friday and continued until late Saturday afternoon. The sources said five members of the Syrian peacekeeping forces stationed in the region were killed in the shootout in which machine guns and rocket propelled grenades were used. The two factions last month announced the two militias would be merged under a common leadership. The sources said the Zahle incident was instigated by renegade members of Chamoun's party.

Bus-train collision injures 13 in Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 21 (AP) — Thirteen persons were injured Saturday, some seriously, when a bus collided with a train some 20 kilometers from the city center here, police said. The bus carrying 43 passengers from the city of Port Said 221 kilometers east of Cairo crossed railway tracks as a train moved out of its station, police said, adding the bus driver burned a red traffic light. The accident brought to 15 the number of persons that have been injured in traffic accidents in the same spot in the past ten days. A total of 10 persons have died in the same period.

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Liverpool regains leadership

Villa crashes again

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP) — Liverpool defeated Wolverhampton Wanderers 1-0 Saturday to regain the leadership of the English First Division soccer standings.

Ray Kennedy scored with a 33rd minute header as Liverpool extended its unbeaten home record to 83 matches.

Aston Villa slumped to a 1-0 defeat at Brighton where Mick Robinson scored his 12th goal of the season in the 15th minute. It was Villa's third straight away defeat.

Ipswich maintained its championship challenge by defeating Birmingham City 3-1 at St. Andrews. Paul Mariner, John Wark and Alan Ainscow were the Ipswich marksmen with Alan Ainscow netting a late consolation goal for Birmingham.

Arsenal moved into fourth place with 28 from 23 after defeating Manchester United 2-1 at Highbury.

Graham Rix and Paul Vaessen — his first goal of the season — were on target for Arsenal. Lou Macari replied in the second half.

Standings

English First Division

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Liverpool | 23 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 46 | 27 | 35 |
| Aston Villa | 23 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 39 | 21 | 31 |
| Ipswich Town | 21 | 11 | 8 | 2 | 37 | 20 | 30 |
| Arsenal | 23 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 34 | 25 | 28 |
| Manchester United | 23 | 6 | 14 | 3 | 32 | 20 | 26 |
| Everton | 22 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 38 | 24 | 29 |
| Nottingham Forest | 23 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 34 | 24 | 26 |
| West Bromwich | 22 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 38 | 23 | 26 |
| Southampton | 23 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 40 | 35 | 24 |
| Tottenham | 23 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 43 | 41 | 24 |
| Sheff. Wed. | 23 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 27 | 31 | 24 |
| Middlesbrough | 22 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 34 | 32 | 22 |
| Birmingham City | 23 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 28 | 30 | 21 |
| Manchester City | 23 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 30 | 36 | 20 |
| Wolverhampton | 23 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 28 | 9 | 20 |
| Coventry | 23 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 26 | 35 | 20 |
| Leeds United | 23 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 21 | 34 | 20 |
| Sunderland | 23 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 30 | 32 | 19 |
| Norwich City | 23 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 29 | 43 | 19 |
| Brighton | 23 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 41 | 16 |
| Leicester | 23 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 18 | 37 | 14 |
| Oxford Palace | 23 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 29 | 48 | 12 |

England forward Trevor Francis made a superb return to league action after being out for seven months with an achilles tendon injury.

Francis scored the third goal as Nottingham Forest downed Sunderland 3-1 at the City ground. Swiss international Raimondo Ponte, who had an outstanding match, and Colin Walsh were Forest's first half scorers, while Gary Rowell netted for the visitors.

Middlesbrough striker David Hodgson scored the first hat-trick of his career as inconsistent Tottenham crashed 4-1 at Ayresome Park.

Hodgson's goal came in the fourth, 11th and 60th minutes. Australian Craig Johnston got Middlesbrough's fourth with John Lacy replying for defensively inept Tottenham.

Manchester City outclassed Leeds United at Maine Road but needed a last-gasp 89th minute goal from Kevin Reeves to secure both points.

Norwich, showing four changes from last week, gave a much improved performance to defeat Coventry 2-0 thanks to first-half goals from Joe Royle and Graham Paddon.

Bottom clubs crystal Palace and Leicester



SINGLE: John Lacy, scorer of Tottenham's only goal, seen in action against Paul Dyson (right) of Coventry

both lost and slipped further into trouble. Palace lost 4-2 in an incident-packed match at Southampton, where Billy Gilbert (own goal), Mike Channon, Steve Moran and Charlie George were the home team's marksmen.

Tony Sealy, playing against his former club, and Clive Allen netted for Palace. Lee Chapman's 10th goal of the season was enough to give Stoke a 1-0 home victory over Leicester.

Soccer Results

| English First Division | Westford | Grimsby Town |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Arsenal | 3 | Derby |
| Birmingham City | 1 | Derby |
| Liverpool | 1 | Derby |
| Manchester City | 1 | Derby |
| Leeds United | 1 | Derby |
| Middlesbrough | 4 | Derby |
| Nottingham Forest | 2 | Derby |
| Southampton | 3 | Derby |
| Stoke City | 1 | Derby |
| Tottenham | 4 | Derby |
| West Bromwich | 1 | Derby |
| vs. Everton — postponed | | |

| Second Division | Names | 2 | Town |
|-----------------|-------|---|-------|
| Cardiff City | 0 | 2 | Leeds |
| Sheff. Wed. | 0 | 2 | Leeds |
| Sheff. Utd. | 0 | 2 | Leeds |
| Sheff. Utd. | 0 | 2 | Leeds |
| Sheff. Utd. | 0 | 2 | Leeds |
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New Zealand edges India in last over

BRISBANE, Dec. 21 (AP) — New Zealand scored a heart-stopping three wicket win over India with two balls to spare in the one day Benson and Hedges international at the Brisbane Cricket Ground here Sunday.

New Zealand faced the task of scoring 205 after the Kiwi pace attack had held India to 204 runs despite a blazing 75 by man-of-the-match Kapil Dev.

A rash of errors by New Zealand's early batsmen saw them struggling at 103 for four after 31 overs but allrounder Jeremy Coney met the challenge head on and with tail-enders

Hada advance in Saudia Cup

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — Al Hada became firm favorites to take the Saudia Milk League Cup, when they put out Saudia with a 5-3 victory, last week. Hada now move into the semifinals and a clash with First Division Hochtief, who downed Asmara 1-0.

Al Hada turned a 2-2 half-time score into a 5-2 lead with three second half goals, before Robin Bennett pulled one back for Saudia. In other Cup action, a 55th minute goal sent Hochtief through for their semifinal clash with Hada. Despite good control and teamwork, Asmara's forwards failed to create even a single opportunity.

Zahid reversed their league result against NJLA, moving into the next round on a penalties decision following their 1-1 draw.

Zahid had lost 3-1 two weeks ago in the league but turned on an improved display to hold NJLA and take the penalties shootout. Zahid will meet Lockheed, who proved too strong for lowly Whittaker Villa, running out 5-1 victors.

Despite 75 from Kapil Dev

Lance Cairns managed to squeeze a win out of almost certain defeat.

Only three overs remained and 22 runs were still required with three wickets standing.

But Cairns crashed 15 off the next over from Yograj Singh to suddenly put New Zealand in with a chance. With the season's biggest Brisbane crowd Roaring, four runs were needed from four balls and they came from two wickets which kept New Zealand's hopes in the one-day series against India and Australia alive.

New Zealand went into the match as underdogs after losing three one-day internationals in succession. But the Kiwi pace attack spearheaded by Gary Troup and Martin Snedden gave them just the start they were looking for, dismissing Sunil Gavaskar (1) with only three runs on the board after India had won the toss and batted.

Gundappa Viswanath went at 45 and Dilip Vengsarkar at 52 and after the first hour New Zealand held the edge.

At 84 for five the Kiwis were right on top but Dev, at times so impetuous but always savage, smashed 9 fours and three sixes in an exhilarating display.

The Indian allrounder attacked so brutally that Kiwi spinner Coney stopped in his run-up and pulled out a white handkerchief in mock surrender.

Coney was the chief target for Dev who hit the off spinner high into the outer stands twice in succession during an onslaught that saw the Indian total race from 100 for five to 200 for seven in only 50 minutes.

Opener Chetan Chauhan lacked the ruthlessness of Dev but struck the ball with incredible precision to add 46 in a stay of 116 minutes just when the team needed a steady hand.

However Troup and Snedden kept the pressure on and with solid support from Cairns, India finally tumbled out right on lunch after 48.5 overs.

This left New Zealand 49 overs to get the runs under the rules of the one day series and John Wright and Bruce Edgar began eagerly, relying on timing and run singles to keep the score ticking over for 74 minutes that produced 67 runs.

But the great start was lost when skipper Geoff Howarth weakly scooped a ball to keeper Syed Kirmani before he had scored.

Then John Parker (11) casually arranged his own suicide by suddenly changing his stance from right to left hand and attempted to sweep spinner Dilip Doshi only to see the ball pop to Kirmani. And with Mark Burgess (13) easily brushed aside by Yograj who uprooted his off stump, quickly followed by Richard Hadlee who failed to score, India was riding high.

Sets new college record

Florida wins Tangerine Bowl

ORLAND, Dec. 21 (AP) — Florida capped its rag-to-riches season with an emotional 35-20 victory over Maryland in the Tangerine Bowl Saturday night, but afterward neither coach Charley Pell nor the players would take credit for the Gators' astonishing turnaround from a year ago.

"We have a great staff and players. They're the ones that won the games," said Pell, whose team went from 1-10-1 in 1979 to 8-4 this season and became the first college football team to go to a bowl game after being winless a year before. "I'm just a lucky guy. I'm the luckiest guy in the world."

Freshman quarterback Wayne Peace threw two touchdown passes to Cris Collinsworth and set up two other scores with passes.

Bears beat Tampa Bay

TAMPA, Florida, Dec. 21 (AP) — Quarterback Vice Evans took an interception and a fumble — gifts from Tampa Bay — and turned them into touchdowns on runs of 6 and 1 yards as the Chicago held on to beat the Buccaneers 14-13 in the season-ending National Football League game for both teams.

ses to the wide receiver as the Gators blew the game open in the second half before a record Tangerine Bowl crowd of 52,541.

Pell said the younger players on the team were instrumental in turning the Gators' football fortunes around and called Saturday night's victory "A tribute to the senior class."

"I just wanted to go out a winner and we all did," said Collinsworth. "The players really can't take credit for this though. The man that turned this program around was Charley Pell."

Peace, who completed 20 of 34 passes for 271 yards (248 m), brought the sluggish Florida offense to life late in the first quarter and hit Collinsworth with a 24-yard (22-m) scoring pass on the third play of the second period to complete a six-play, 68-yard (65-m) drive which boosted the Gators into a 7-3 lead.

Peace when directed an eight-play, 69-yard touchdown drive which gave Florida a 14-9 halftime lead.

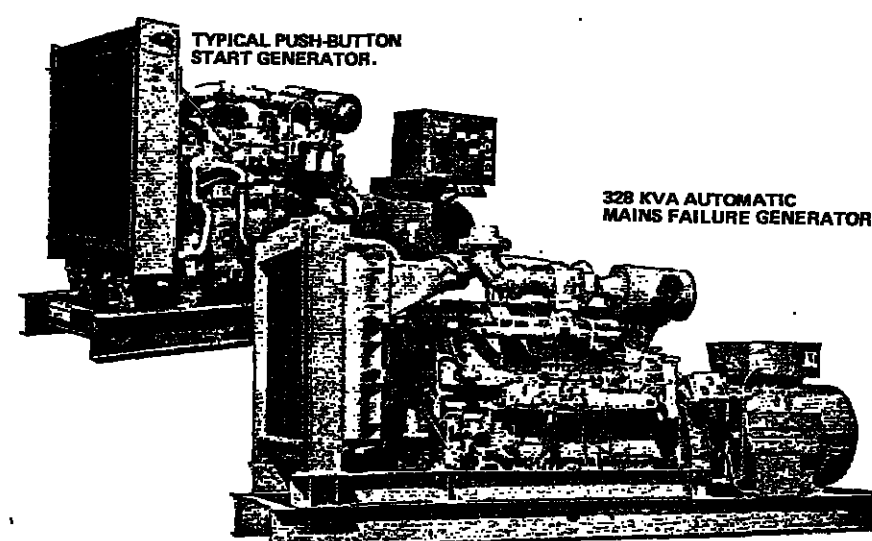
The key play in the match was a 33-yard (30-m) completion to Collinsworth which set up a 2-yard (2-m) scoring play fullback James Jones.

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Spiess injured on slope

SAINT-MORITZ, Switzerland, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Uli Spiess, one of the favorites for this year's men's world cup downhill title, may not ski again this season.

The 25-year-old Austrian crashed during a training run here and was evacuated to an Austrian hospital by helicopter. Although doctors dismissed early reports that Spiess had broken his leg, they confirmed that he was suffering from concussion and had sustained a serious injury to his left knee.

The accident came while the Austrian, who earlier this season won the Val d'Isere downhill, was testing the course for Sunday's world cup run. Spiess is the second Austrian downhill competitor to be injured here in the last 24 hours. Friday 28-year-old Walter Grissmann, winner here in 1973, badly injured his shoulder in the first training run.

In Italy, Pegrine Pelen of France swooped to a telling World Alpine Skiing Cup double here Saturday when she won her second special slalom in three days.

The 20-year-old from Grenoble, who won the Altenmark slalom on Thursday, has now cut back the gap on early season runaway leader Marie-Therese Nadig of Switzerland to 22 points, with her more experienced compatriot Fabienne Serat handily placed in third spot a further ten points adrift.

Pelen clinched her win Saturday by returning the best first leg time of 50.01 and then watched main rivals Christa Kinschofer of West Germany and Italians Daniela Zini and Maria-Rosa Quario fail to finish.

The French girl, making up for a disappointing start to the season, played it safe on the second leg, but still managed to clock an excellent time only 0.21 second slower than the fastest time set by 21-year-old Soviet hope Nadejda Patrakeeva.

Patrakeeva, who finished second in the slalom at Waterville Valley last season, just pipped Erika Hess of Switzerland for the runner-up position. She now stands second to Pelen in the special slalom standings.

Pelen seemed slightly surprised by her win and said that although she had skied well enough she was "not in top form."



PREMIER: Ali on the night of the Gala European Charity Premier of his film. The proceeds of the film will go for cancer research.

Ali oscillates on fight desire

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali does not know whether or not he will box again. "I might change my mind next month," he said in an interview published by the *Daily Mirror* newspaper.

The 38-year-old three time champion, who was in London to publicize his latest film "Freedom Road," said money would not be his reason for fighting again.

"It's not money, I got plenty money. It's not pride. I can't get no more prouder. It's not fame. I can't get any more famous," he added.

Ali said there were only two things in life he feared — a plane crash and god. He would not be opposed to becoming vice-president of the United States, "because if I was vice-president, no-one would shoot the president would they, because that way they'd finish up with me in charge."

Looking back on his dazzling career in and outside the ring, Ali said, "I've had all the pretty women I wanted. It didn't make me happy. I made \$60 million, that don't make me happy. Fame world wide, that don't make me happy. Property all over the place, that don't make me happy."

"There's nuthin' here in this life, but preparation for heaven," he concluded.

Ittihad loses unbeaten record but keeps top spot

By Muair Muhammad

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — The ninth week of the Saudi Arabian football league ended with the defeat of three of the four major teams, including Ittihad unbeaten since the beginning of the league. Nasr, the only victor of the majors, battered Nahda 6-3.

Despite the defeat Ittihad still maintains the lead. Tied in points with Nasr, Ittihad has the advantage of having only six goals against it, so far, in comparison to 18 goals in Nasr's net.

Ittifaq and Qadisiyya reversed their defeats last week at the hands of Ittihad and Ahli, Ittifaq downing Ittihad 4-2, and Qadisiyya edging Ahli 3-1.

Ittifaq dominated the start of their match, and scored a surprise goal in the 4th minute by George, a Brazilian. Ittihad got the equalizer in the 22nd minute through Buckner, but Ittifaq's enthusiasm did not stop. In the 36th minute, Ittifaq's Jamal Muhammad scored the second goal from a corner raised by Dele, his Brazilian team mate. Before the end of the first half, Jamal Muhammad scored again reconfirming his team's determination to win. The second half was also dominated by Ittifaq during which it added one more goal.

Kenya unable to hold games

FREETOWN, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Kenya will be unable to host the fourth African games in 1982 — a fact which could lead to a four-year postponement of the event, Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) officials said here.

The SCSA's executive committee, meeting here this week, heard a delegation from the Kenyan government who told them Kenya would not be ready for at least another five years to serve as games host.

Senegal's Amadou Lamine Ba, SCSA secretary general, said the executive committee had charged him and SCSA President Abraham Ordia (Nigeria) with the task of finding another host country for 1982.

However, if no nation comes forward, Kenya will be asked to host the fourth games in 1986, four years later than scheduled. The third African games were held in Algeria in 1978.

Ba also said the executive committee, during their four-day meeting here, had approved all resolutions forwarded from the SCSA.

Tamim scored a 1st-minute goal for Ittihad. Nasr's overwhelming victory which set the record for the number of goals in league, was not a one-sided match at all. Nasr was a 1-0 loser until the 35th minute of the first half, when its Brazilian Lira scored the equalizer. Three minutes later, Nasr scored the second

goal from a penalty. In the beginning of the second half, Nahda equalized through Kawaie. The game proceeded equally dominated by both teams until the 30th minute when Nasr's Darwish scored the third goal. Within 10 minutes, Nasr surprised Nahda with two more goals erasing any hope for a

draw. The two teams scored one each to end the match 6-3.

Thursday, Hilal was beaten 3-2 by Sheban in a powerful match in Riyadh, and Jabalein and Riyadh battled in Hail to keep away from the bottom. Jabalein ended the game 1-0 in its favor.

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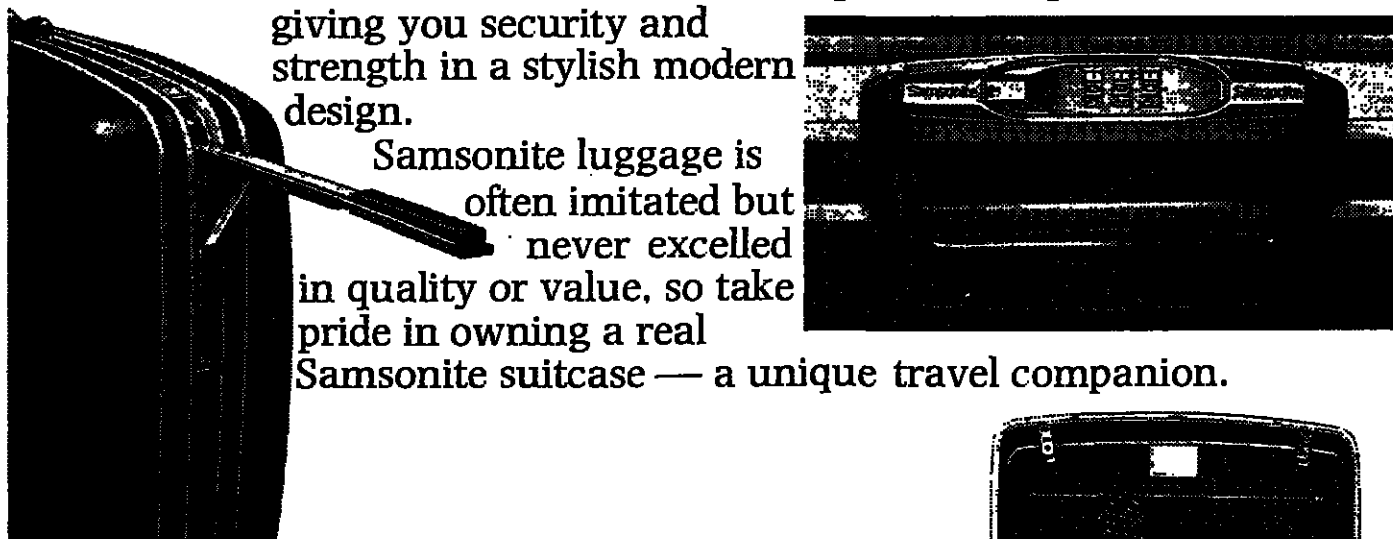
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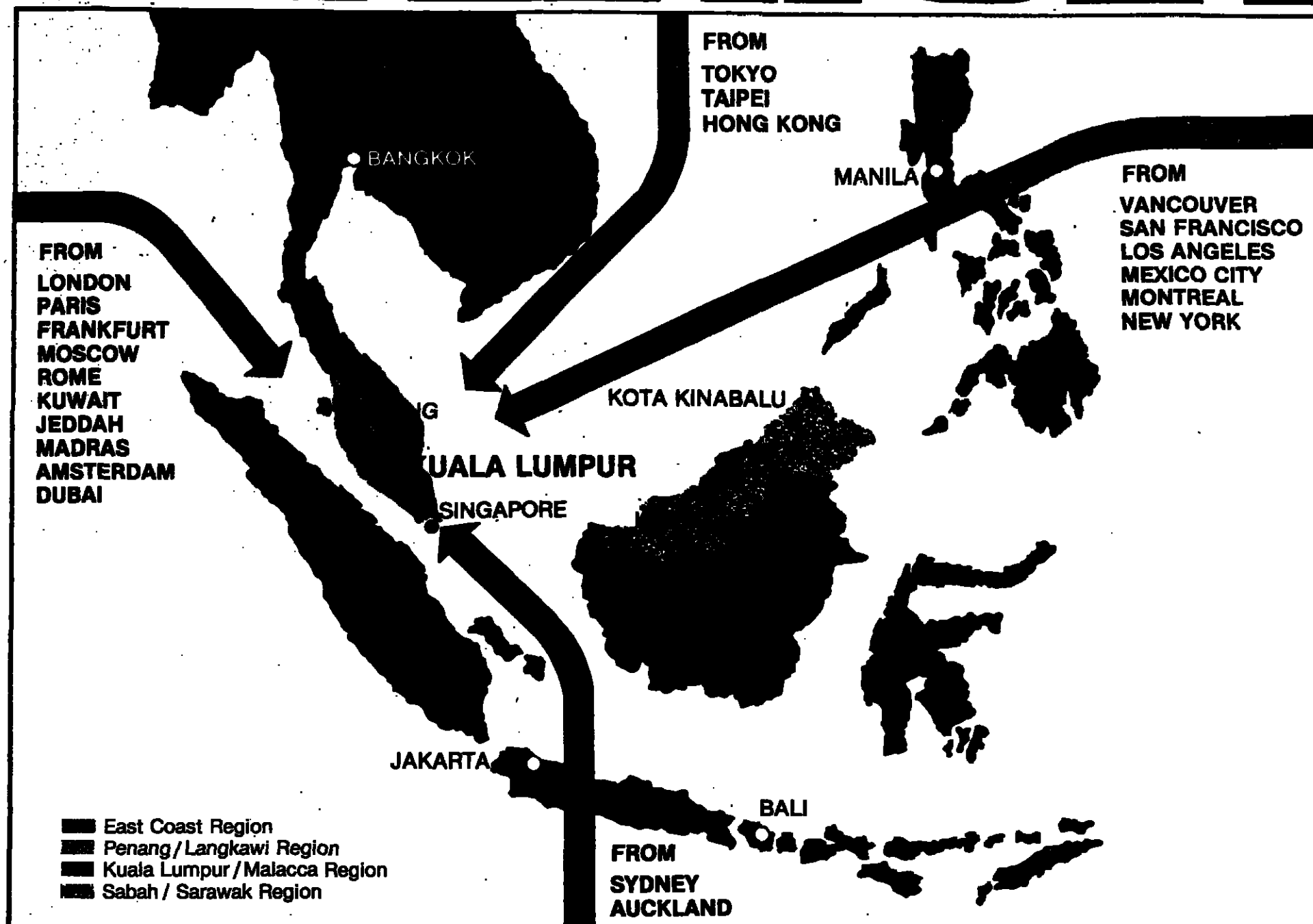
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Malaysia, located in the heart of South East Asia, is a tropical wonderland. Malaysia's extravagant greenery begins at the edge of its white sandy shores and rises to its highest mountain. There are remote coral islands and dense, tropical jungles to stir a spirit of adventure ... and a multitude of cultural festivals to evoke a sense of awe and wonder.

Malaysia is divided into two main areas, Peninsular Malaysia and the states of Sabah and Sarawak. Peninsular Malaysia shares a common border with Thailand in the north and with Singapore in the south. It consists of 11 states — Johore, Pahang, Negri Sembilan, Malacca, Selangor, Perak, Kelantan, Trengganu, Kedah, Penang and Perlis, excluding the Federal Territory where the nation's capital, Kuala Lumpur, is situated.

A unique feature of Malaysia is reflected in its multi-racial population — a happy blend of Malays, Chinese, Indians, Eurasians and others, each harmoniously retaining their traditions and customs.

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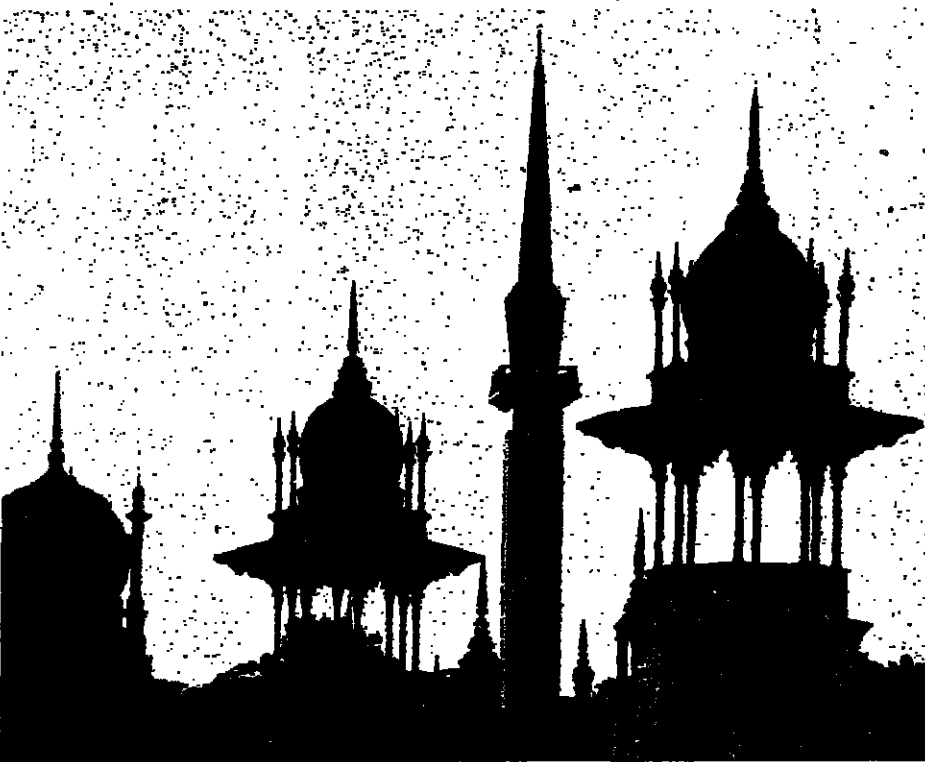
It jets west to London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Jeddah, Dubai, Kuwait and Madras. Eastwards it heads towards Hong Kong, Taipei, Seoul and Tokyo. Down under, it reaches Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. Within the Asean region, it flies to Singapore, Jakarta, Manila, Bangkok, Haadyai and Medan.

MALAYSIA HOLIDAY REGIONS

Malaysia, a multi-faceted country, offers you an array of experiences which may lure the visitor back more than once to savour her rich variety, from tropical beaches to cool mountain resorts, from jungle preserves to bustling, exotic cities.

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KUALA LUMPUR/MALACCA REGION



Kuala Lumpur is an exotic city of gardens. An enclave of greenery set against an intriguing background of Moorish, Colonial and contemporary buildings. It is the Federal Capital of Malaysia and the financial and administrative hub of the nation. Kuala Lumpur is a city of contrasts, reflecting its plural society and charming way of life. The city has evolved through time around several green areas, which form a garden chain woven through the heart of the city.



The 'Green Belt' of Kuala Lumpur contains the beautiful LAKE GARDENS area which runs across the city and within its general area are the National Museum, the National Monument and Parliament House.

Just outside the city one can enjoy the National Zoo, the National Aquarium and Batu Caves, a spectacular limestone outcrop with natural caverns.



Yet less than an hour's drive from Kuala Lumpur is Templer's Park, a section of Malaysian jungle and forest laced with foot-paths and streams, gushing waterfalls and rock-pools for bathing.

Malacca, only two hours away from Kuala Lumpur by road, has a rich historical legacy with British, Portuguese, Dutch, Malay and Chinese influences evident in its narrow medieval streets and old buildings. Malacca retains an old-world charm ideal for leisurely browsing through antique shops and touring historic sites.



Within easy travelling distance from Kuala Lumpur are the highland resorts of Genting Highlands, Fraser's Hill and Cameron Highlands. Genting Highlands boasts a casino of international calibre, while all three resorts offer cool respite from the lowland heat.

There is abundance of hotel rooms within the Kuala Lumpur/Malacca Region to suit every visitor's preference and budget. These include hotels of international standard such as the Hilton, the Regent, the Equatorial, the Holiday Inn, the Merlin and the Federal in Kuala Lumpur. Rates range from US\$20 to US\$50.

There are also comfortable hotels in Malacca such as the Straits Travel Inn and Shah's Beach Motel.

The three highland resorts offer yet a different kind of accommodation, from the international standard hotels such as the Merlin and Genting Hotel to holiday bungalows and chalets such as Foster's Lakehouse in Cameron Highlands.

PENANG/LANGKAWI REGION



Occupying the North-Western section of Peninsular Malaysia, this region is an image of tropical serenity. Penang, often known as the Pearl of the Orient, is the main international gateway to Northern Malaysia.

A leisurely tropical paradise with an old world charm, this beautiful island is linked to the metropolitan cities of Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangkok through direct air services. Penang is also accessible from other major centres of the world through Kuala Lumpur.

Penang is a quaint city with bustling bazaars and streets.

Penang boasts of the only funicular railway in Southeast Asia. This takes visitors up Penang Hill, 692 metres high, to view this tropical isle spread serenely below.

Penang also has many colourful festivals, such as the Pesta Pulau Pinang, which occurs every December and the Festival of the Hungry Ghosts in August.

Penang's cuisine is reputed to be the best in the country. The fried white noodle, "Char Kuay Teow", and the many varieties of seafood are only a few of Penang's endless culinary treats.

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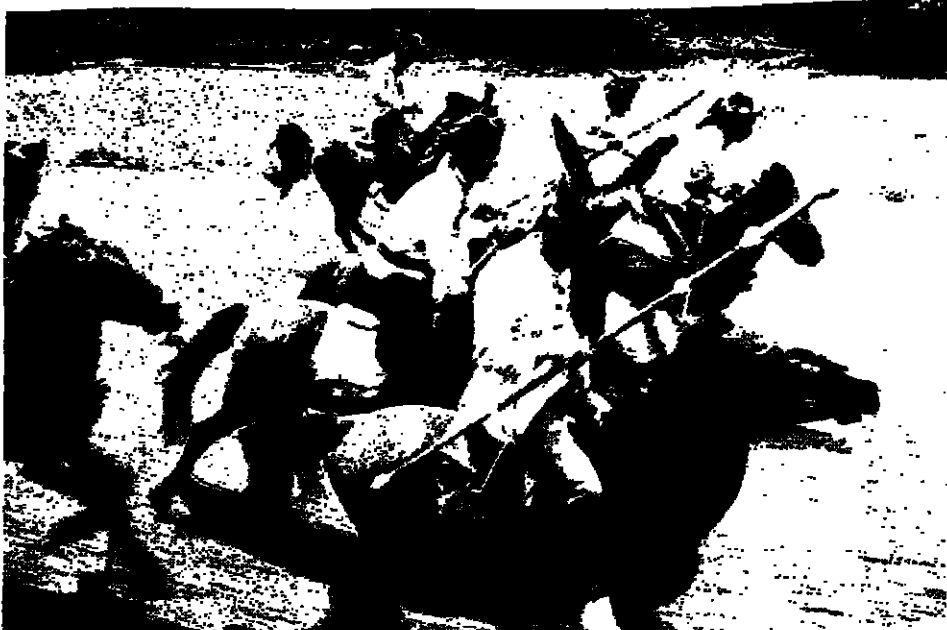
The East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia is yet another world. This exciting region envelopes the south and eastern portion of the state of Johore, and the states of Pahang, Trengganu and Kelantan.

ple are steeped in a strong cultural heritage. Here the main occupations are fishing, farming and handicraft. Kelantan is known as the "rice bowl" of the East Coast while its silversmiths are reputed to be the best artisans in the craft. Kelantan is also noted for its hand-printed batik sarongs with elaborate designs in bright colours.

Kelantan and the other East Coast states are famous for their traditional craftsmanship. Artisans take pride in the legacy of their skills. Among the more popular handicraft items are the lovely kain songket — the colourful brocade woven with gold and silver thread. Kain songket make excellent souvenirs as does Kelantanese batik, colourfully dyed by a wax-resistant method.

South of Kelantan lies Trengganu, with 225 kilometres of unsurpassed beaches and a hospitable population, many of whom are skilled in boat-making. The mastery of their craftsmen is reflected in the intricate carving of the "bangaus" or mastsheads of their fishing boats.

SABAH/SARAWAK REGION



Across the South China Sea on the island of Borneo are the 2 states of Sabah and Sarawak. Despite their seeming remoteness, they are easily accessible from Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Manila, Brunei and Singapore by direct flights through the international gateway, Kota Kinabalu — the capital of Sabah.

Almost twice the size of Switzerland, Sabah's best known landmark is Mount Kinabalu, the highest peak in Southeast Asia. Situated in Kinabalu National Park, the 4,100 metre high "Aki Nabalu", as it is called by the locals, can easily be scaled and provides a breathtaking view of the "Land Below the Wind" bathed in mists and sunlight. The surrounding park is a paradise for naturalists, bird watchers and other nature enthusiasts.

Sabah is also the home of various indigenous communities, including the Kadazans, the Bajaus, popularly known as the "Cowboys of the East" and the Muruts or the hill tribe who

still use the blowpipe for hunting. Sabah also contains the world's largest Orang Utan Sanctuary, a replica of the Orang Utans' natural habitat where the endangered species are protected and saved from total extinction.

Occupying the north-west coastal strip of Borneo is the riverine state of Sarawak. Also known as the "Land of the Hornbills", it is truly a state rich in unexplored resources and adventure.

Sarawak's population is made up of Malays, Chinese, Ibans, Bidayus, Melanau, Kelabits and many others displaying an intricate tapestry of cultural dress and lifestyles.

Kuching is the capital and the entry point for visitors to this state. It is the home of the world-famous Sarawak Museum — a treasure house containing Sarawak's archaeological and cultural artifacts.

One of the most exciting adventures in Sarawak is a journey to the Niah National Park where the Niah

Caves are located. Here archaeologists have found evidence of human habitation from as early as 40,000 years ago. Two hours from Kuching is Bako National Park, a treasure house for botanical enthusiasts where exotic plants and flowers are found. In



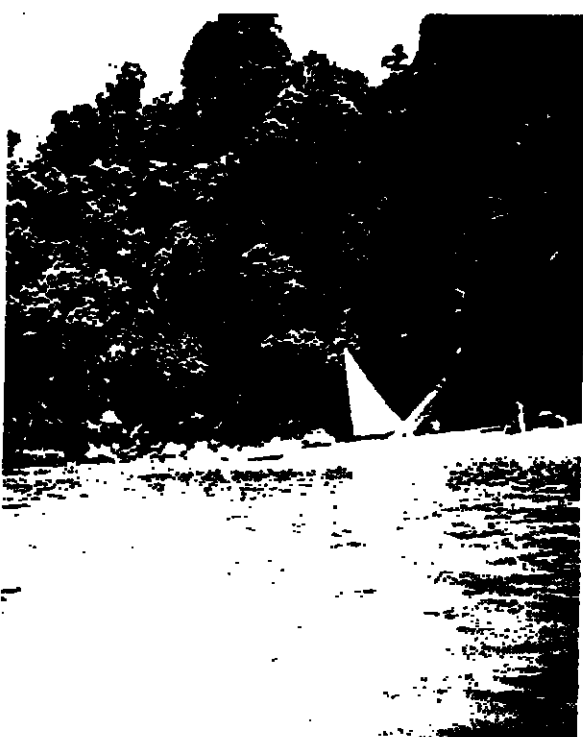
Sarawak, the adventurous visitor can also take a thrilling boat-ride along the Skrang River shooting the rapids and can see the unique lifestyle of the Bidayus and Ibans who live in traditional longhouses.



Sabah and Sarawak offer several good hotels. In Sabah, the better known hotels include the Hyatt Kinabalu International, Jesselton Hotel and the Shangri-La, all in Kota Kinabalu. In Kuching the better hotels include the Holiday Inn, the Aurora and Longhouse Hotel. Room rates start from US\$30 upwards.

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This region also includes the states of Kedah & Perlis, the "rice bowl" of Malaysia with endless miles of picturesque patchwork of pale greens and golden yellow rice fields interspersed with limestone outcrops and charming villages criss-crossed by irrigation canals.

Penang has a wide range of accommodation from the medium-price range to the most luxurious standard resort international hotels. These include the Rasa Sayang, Casuarina Beach Hotel, the Holiday Inn, the Golden Sands, Palm Beach Hotel and

Here is where the glittering sun dances between swaying coconut groves ... where the cool depths of azure blue seas beckon invitingly ... where golden beaches stretch for hundreds of kilometres ... where giant leathery turtles return each year from May to September to lay their precious eggs ... where the sights and sounds of the people at work and play are unlike anything you have ever seen before

This is an unforgettable experience — The East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia.

The region is accessible by air, road and rail. Malaysian Airline System flies daily to all the major towns in the region from Kuala Lumpur and Penang. There are also regular air-conditioned buses and taxis that ply daily from most of the major towns of Peninsular Malaysia and also Singapore. By rail this region is approachable from Penang or Kuala Lumpur as well as Singapore.

The northernmost state in the region is Kelantan. It has a long and colourful history and its friendly peo-



is set deep in the world's oldest tropical forest. To the lover of outdoors, it is a place for hiking, fishing, swimming, shooting the rapids, mountain climbing, photography and animal watching.

The largest state in Peninsular Malaysia which is located within this region is Pahang. Pahang has 206 kilometres of superb beaches, several hill resorts, lakes and parks, caves and waterfalls.



Further south, off the coast of the state of Johore lie two jewel-like islands, Rawa and Tioman. Surrounded by beautiful corals and exotic sea-life, these tropical isles are paradise



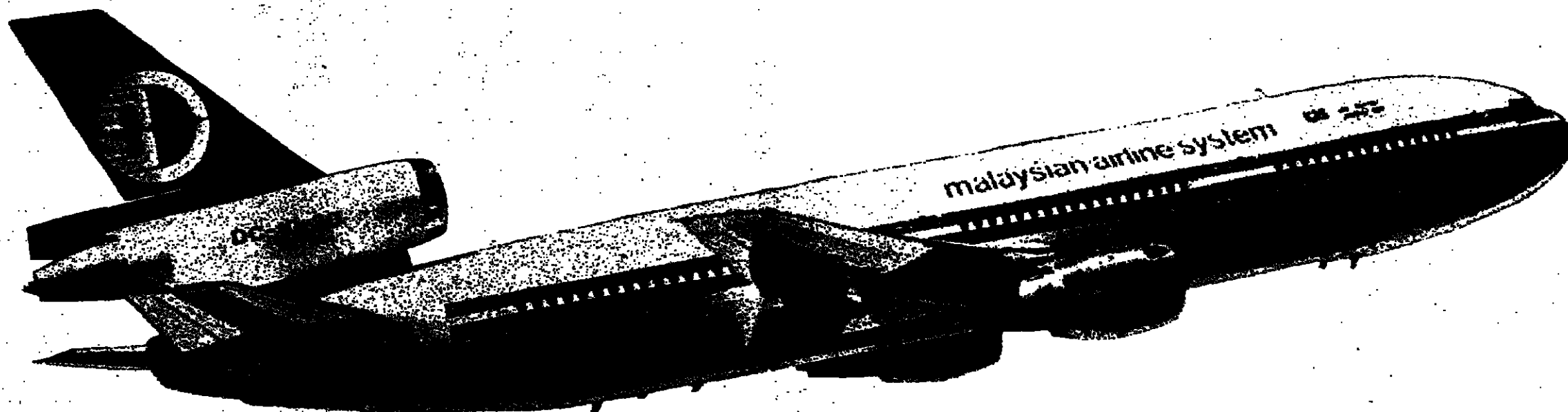
for snorkelling enthusiasts, anglers, sunbathers and beach-combers.

There are other resort areas within the state of Johore. Situated 88 kilometres northeast of the state capital of Johore Baru is Desaru often termed the last unspoilt corner of the South East Asia. It is a delightful place of tropical magic: lush jungles, grassy glades, cascading little falls, green hills, natural lakes and 27 kilometres of golden sands.

Near the capital of Johore, one can view many rubber and oil palm plantations whilst the Palace in Johore Baru contains many interesting artifacts and treasures. Johore Baru is the southern gateway to Malaysia.



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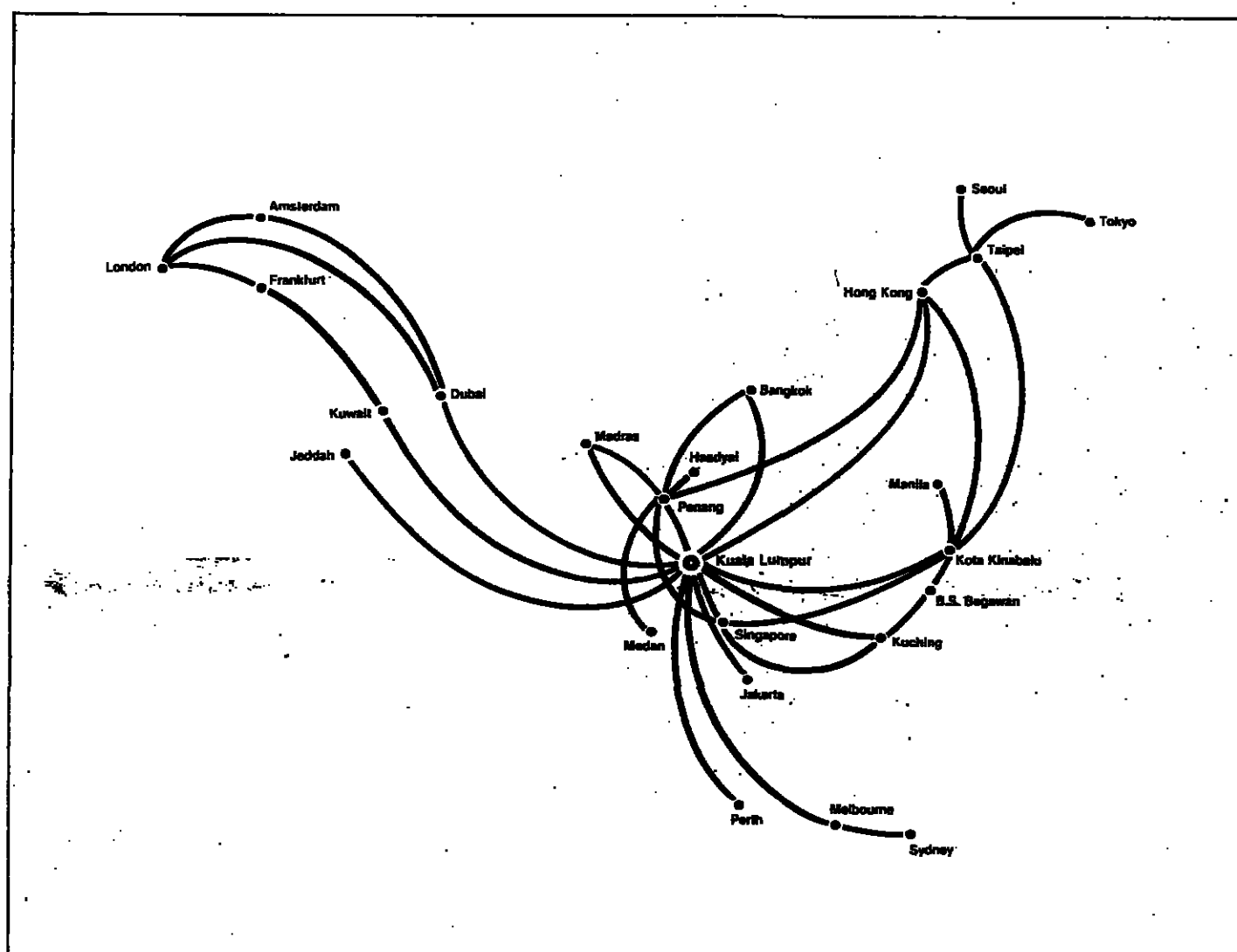


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and checks for freshness and quality. And its quarterly inflight magazine, "Wings of Gold", tells passengers all about the country's colourful heritage. In addition, 60 Golden Holiday tour packages covering more than 15 countries to three continents are offered.

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MAS' Rural Air Service penetrates into the interior of Sabah and Sarawak bringing passengers to out of the way places such as Bario, Belaga, Kapit, Simanggang and Tomangong.

Weekly the airline flies to cities on three continents - Asia, Europe and Australia. It jets west to London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Jeddah, Dubai, Kuwait and Madras. Eastwards it heads towards Hong Kong, Taipei, Seoul and Tokyo. Down under, it reaches Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. Within the Asean region, it flies to Singapore, Jakarta, Manila, Bangkok, Haadyai and Medan.

Flight bookings are easy as telex services and satellites link MAS offices worldwide to its headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. Bookings can be confirmed within minutes. Kommas, MAS' computerised system, assists in arranging tours, accommodation and even special requests such as food preferences.

The cultural heritage of the country is reflected in MAS' choice of decor. Motifs of the Kelantan kite, symbol of controlled flight, is adopted by MAS as its logo.

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And if this is not sufficient, duty-free shopping comes to your very seat! MAS will take delivery of five new aircraft in 1981 to boost its existing fleet of 31 aircraft.

One DC-10 and one Boeing 737 are expected to arrive in April 1981. These will be followed by the first of two Fokker-Friendships in May. July 1981 will see the delivery of one Airbus while the second Fokker-Friendship, and the last of the five new aircraft, is expected in August 1981.

Currently the MAS fleet consists of 4 Britten Norman Islanders, 12 Fokker-Friendships, 10 Boeing 737s, 3 DC-10s and 3 Airbus.

MAS' fleet is handled by competent and experienced pilots, all of whom have logged many, many hours of flying. They receive their training overseas and are checked twice yearly to maintain their flight capabilities.

MAS' Golden Service does not end there. Even after you arrive in Malaysia the airline can help you get to know the country better.

There are several Golden Holiday packages... within Malaysia which take you to various tourist resorts and attractions. There are tour packages to the "Pearl of the Orient"

- Penang - with its white sandy beaches; Langkawi, home of the legendary princess Mahsuri; Sarawak, site of the world renowned Niah Caves; and Sabah, "Land Below The Wind", with the highest peak in Southeast Asia, Mount Kinabalu. Other tours offer fascinating places for sun and beach enthusiasts, historical buffs and the adventure-seekers.

International passengers travelling with MAS to destinations beyond Kuala Lumpur and Singapore can take advantage of the special bonus MAS offers - the Malaysia Stopover Holidays.

For as little as US\$12 per night, the passenger is offered a choice of three destinations - Kuala Lumpur, Penang or Kuala Lumpur/Singapore or Penang/Singapore. He may wish to stop over at only one city, or take in a combination of any two cities, or even all three! The flexibility of the Stopover's allows not only such combinations but also a wide choice of sightseeing and extension tours.

Besides, the Stopover Holidays offer great value for money, with accommodation in either a superior first class or deluxe hotel room, breakfast, pick-up services at the airport and transfers between airport and hotel, among other things.

Extension tours are also available, at additional cost. They include a full day at Genting Highlands, a full day at historic Malacca, three days each in Kuantan, Langkawi and Kuching and four days each in Tanjong Jara and Kota Kinabalu. A three-day Haadyai/Songkhla tour is also available.

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Calendar of Events

Just as the moods and facets of Malaysia are many and varied, the festivals celebrated by the population are numerous too, not only in number but in type too.

King's Birthday

This is an event to celebrate the birthday of the King with colourful parades, cultural shows and fireworks display.

JULY

Koran Reading Competition

This international competition occurs annually in Kuala Lumpur during the middle of Ramadhan, the fasting month for Muslims.



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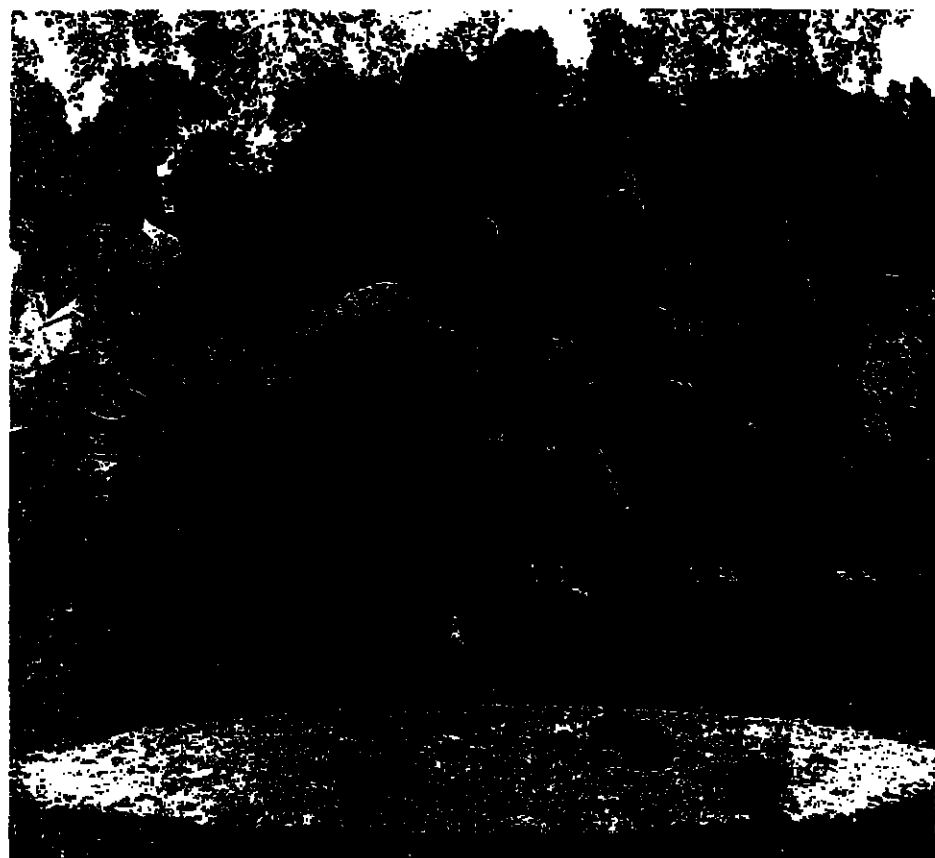
City Day

Kuala Lumpur celebrates its city status on February 1 with sporting events, cultural shows and gaily decorated streets & buildings to mark the occasion.

Bird Singing Competition

Held in Kelantan, some 50-120 caged birds compete for prizes awarded to those birds with the sweetest sounds.

Kite-flying is a traditional pastime of the Malaysians along the east coast

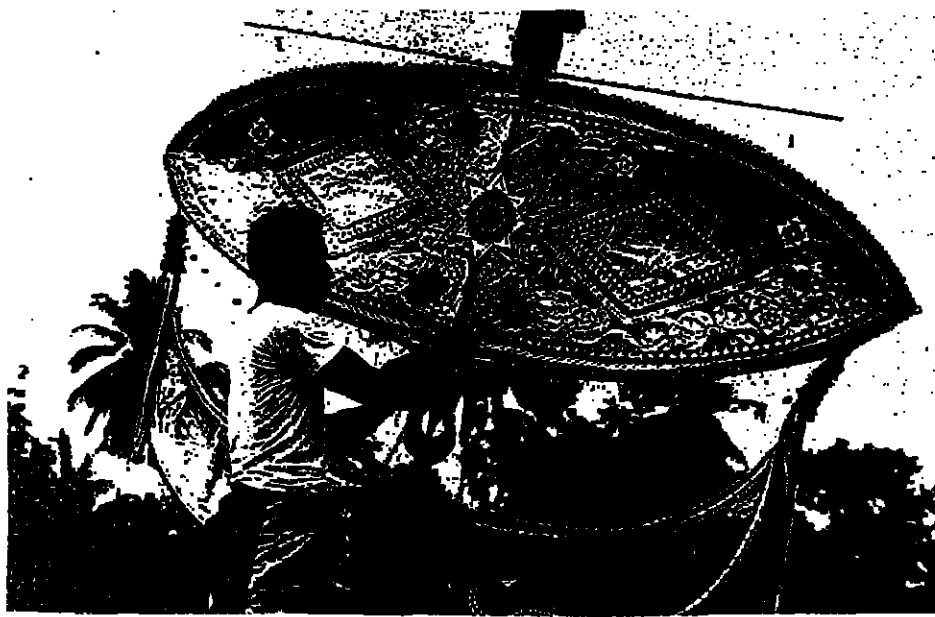


JUNE

Dayak Festival

The "Gawai Dayak" festival of Sarawak, on June 1, heralds the end of a successful rice harvesting season.

of Peninsular Malaysia. The giant kites of strong bamboo frames cover with semi-waterproof paper decorated with intricate Malay design, can attain flying heights of more than 450 meters, and hum as they fly.



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AUGUST

Hari Raya Puasa

This marks the end of the fasting month for the Muslims. All Muslim homes will be "open house" to friends & relatives with much feasting in celebration of the event.

National Day

Cultural performances, float processions, music festivals, decorated buildings, bright lights and a firework spectacle mark Malaysia's Independence Day on August 31.

Merdeka Anniversary Football Tournament

This annual international football tournament which attracts leading Asian football teams is held as part of the National Day celebrations. It is usually held at the Merdeka Stadium in Kuala Lumpur.

Expo Malaysia

Held in conjunction with National Day celebrations, the Expo in Kuala Lumpur exhibits and sells all kinds of Malaysian products.

OCTOBER

Hari Raya Haji

This is celebrated by all Muslims to mark the 10th day of the 12th month of the Muslim calendar when pilgrims in Mecca complete the last phase of becoming a "Haji".

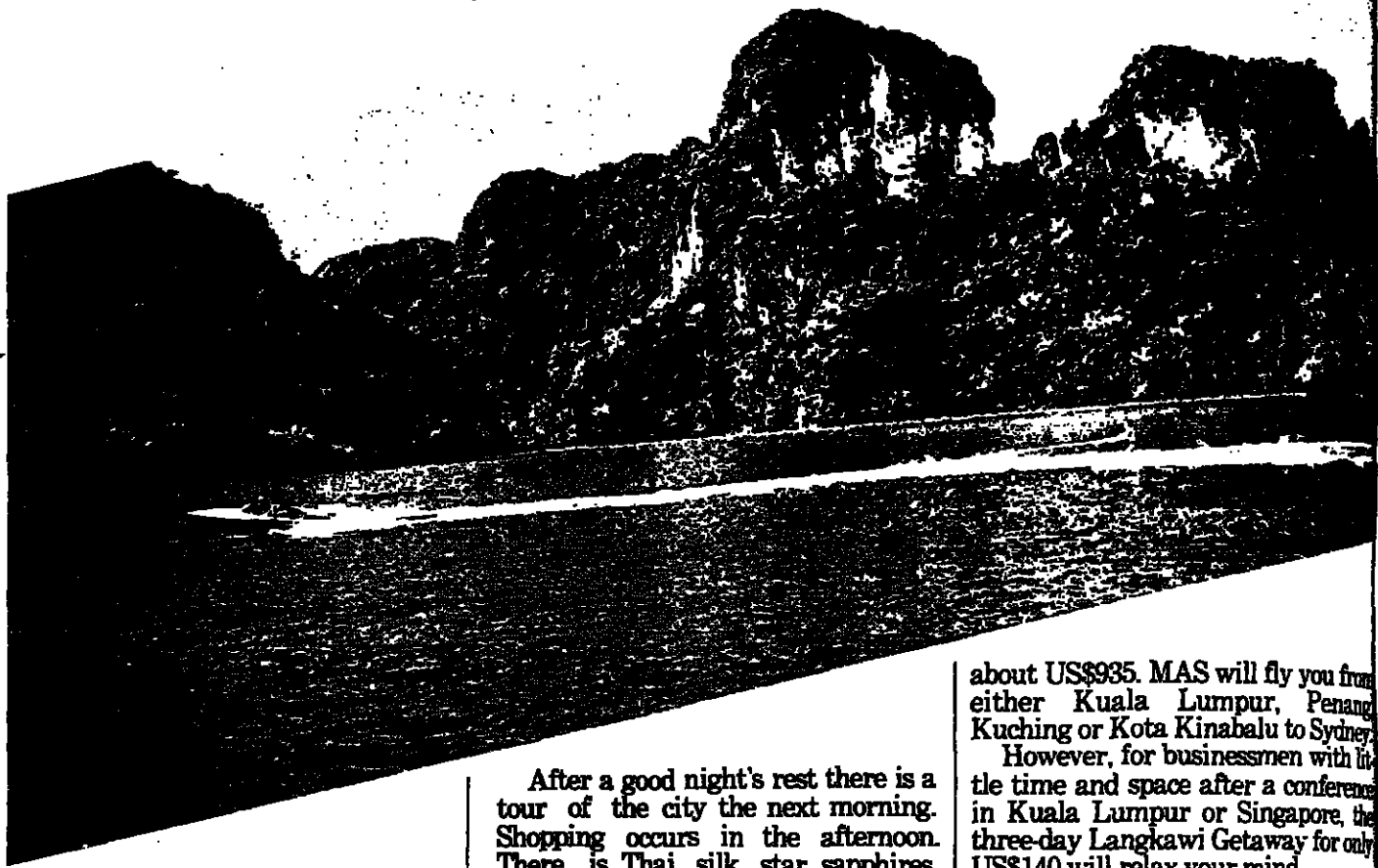
DECEMBER

Pesta Pulau Pinang



This month-long carnival features speed boat races, marathon swimming and other medley events. Dragon boat races are held towards the end of the carnival. The 'chingay' flag procession is unique and attracts large crowds.

MAS Golden Holiday Packages



Malaysia is the gateway to East Asia. Travellers from the Middle East who want to holiday in Malaysia and then onwards, can have their vacation arranged by MAS and its Golden Holiday Packages.

For the busy businessmen who have little time MAS Golden Holiday Packages not only promise value, for money and convenience, but also variety, security, balanced itineraries and regular departures.

MAS Golden Holiday Packages are available for both international and domestic markets. They are flexible in their use and are also currently offered as pre and post congress tours and adhoc tour programmes.

This type of holiday packages can be bought from any of MAS offices in Jeddah, Kuwait and Dubai or any other MAS office in the world.

MAS guarantees that the Golden Holiday Packages are not subjected to group size restrictions (unless specified by the fare) and will depart even with one or two individual travellers. MAS also guarantees that the selling prices as advertised in brochures will not change during its validity period.

For those travellers interested in shopping there is the MAS Golden Holiday Package for a four-day Bangkok Shopper at about US\$280. The package begins either in Penang or Kuala Lumpur with an afternoon flight to Bangkok on MAS.

After a good night's rest there is a tour of the city the next morning. Shopping occurs in the afternoon. There is Thai silk, star sapphires, jewellery, lacquer ware, pottery, and others just for your picking.

More time is given for shopping on the third day and on the fourth day MAS flies you home with your purchases.

For the sight-seeing buffs, the six-day Manila Extravaganza for about US\$398 is worthwhile.

Travellers are put at the luxury Sheraton Hotel on arrival from either Kuala Lumpur or Kota Kinabalu. An evening of Filipino food and cultural show awaits you in the evening.

Sight-seeing proper comes during the second day when you see Manila's famous spots. There is the walled city, Fort Santiago, Rizal Park and Makati district.

A full day excursion takes you to Pagsanjan on the third day. Shooting the rapids at the Pagsanjan Rapids is exciting and thrilling.

You will be left to shop or sightsee the city on your own on the fourth day while on the fifth day, a trip to Taal Volcano is in the offing. It is only a 1 1/2 hour drive from Manila. Stops will be made at the Jeepney factory and the Las Pinas Church. You fly back to Kuala Lumpur or Kota Kinabalu on the sixth afternoon.

For other travellers who may want to head south the MAS Golden Holiday Package offered ex Kuala Lumpur gives travellers a chance to see Australia for 23 days by bus for only

about US\$935. MAS will fly you from either Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Kuching or Kota Kinabalu to Sydney.

However, for businessmen with little time and space after a conference in Kuala Lumpur or Singapore, the three-day Langkawi Getaway for only US\$140 will relax your mind.

The Langkawi Country Club where you will be staying is very lush, pleasant and efficient. Imagine a stroll in the moonlight by the beach with the soothing purr of the waves in the background.

This Golden Holiday Package takes you on a tour of the islands, visiting Tanjung Rhu and Isle of the Pregnant Maiden.

Dare to put a little Oriental "spice" in your life with the MAS Taiwan/Hong Kong/Bangkok Rendezvous, which gives you a true smorgasboard of the East. Visit the National Palace Museum in Taiwan as well as Shuang Chi Park and Handicraft Centre, National Martyrs Shrine, the exquisite Sun Moon Lake and the intriguing aborigine village, Taroko Gorge. In Hong Kong you will revisit the Sung Dynasty, tour Ocean Park and sample the superb food of this small country. And finally on to Bangkok's many shopping bargains. An unforgettable experience with MAS' Golden Service all the way.

There are many other programmes besides these mentioned. They include the Seoul/Taiwan Fascination, Haadyai/Phuket Serenade, Jakarta/Bali Discovery and many many more others.

There are tours for all, young and old, MAS Golden Holiday Package provides tours to suit your budget, time and desire.

Entry Formalities

For immigration purposes, Malaysia is divided into three regions — Peninsular Malaysia (11 states), Sabah and Sarawak.

Middle East citizens travelling to Malaysia need only a valid international passport or other internationally-recognised travel documents. No visa is needed.

The passports or travel documents must be valid at least one month beyond the date of stay required in Malaysia. Those who are in possession

of passports not recognised by Malaysia must apply for a document in lieu of a passport.

This is issued by Malaysian missions abroad at a nominal fee. However, they must have valid passports or other forms of travel documents to ensure re-entry into their own countries of domicile.

Further information can be obtained from the Malaysian missions in the Middle East. In countries where Malaysian missions have not been

established, enquiries should be made to the nearest British High Commission, Embassy or Consulate.

Visitors are allowed to import not more than M\$10,000/- in Malaysian currency and export not more than M\$5,000/-. However, no limit is imposed on other currencies, travellers cheques and letters of credit.

Health Formalities: Arrivals from yellow fever, cholera or small pox infected areas are required to have valid vaccination certificates.

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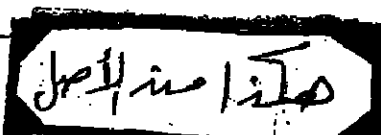
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Moves into space operations

Giant air firm started behind barber shop

By Gregory Llewellyn

AL KHOBAR — Mighty oaks, it is said, grow from tiny acorns, and this nicely sums up the growth of the McDonnell Douglas Corporation over the past half-century.

As its attractively arranged stall at the Sauditech 80 Exhibition in Al-Khobar demonstrated, McDonnell Douglas is venturing forth on a multitude of corporate enterprises only one of which is aircraft development and production.

Beginnings for both parent companies were modest. Donald Douglas opened shop in 1920 behind a Los Angeles barber shop to begin work on a biplane constructed of wood, wire, and cloth. He later moved to an abandoned movie studio where he began constructing torpedo planes for the U.S. Navy. James McDonnell went into business 19 years after Douglas, opening in St. Louis. After a year's operations, he chalked up a less than overwhelming total of zero sales, zero profits, and zero backlog. The companies merged in 1967 to become one of America's giants in the field of aeronautics.

But McDonnell Douglas, which today employs 75,000 people in North America,

makes more than airplanes. Their Automation Company (MCAUTO) is marketing a modular hospital data collection system which automates admission and discharge records, appointment rescheduling, billing and in-house supply control. The corporation's Automicrobic System is a clinical analysis test instrument which identifies infectious organisms in body fluids such as urine and evaluates possible remedies.

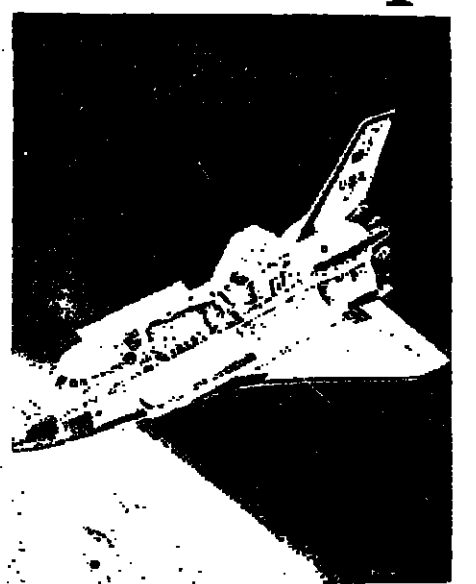
The U.S. Department of Energy selected McDonnell Douglas to design a 10 megawatt solar power plant called "Solar One" which is being built in Barstow, California. Big enough to satisfy the needs of a community of about 8,000, Solar One uses 1800 moveable mirrors called heliostats spread over 72 acres to focus sunlight on a tower receiver which produces steam to drive conventional turbines.

Aircraft, however, remain the backbone of McDonnell Douglas. Planes account for 80 per cent of corporate sales and of these more than half are sold abroad. The DC-10, of which more than 400 have been sold since the model was introduced in 1969, continues to be purchased by such airlines as Aeromexico and Compania Mexicana. The crash of a DC-10 at Chicago's O'Hare Airport on May 25, 1970, when an engine and pylon separated from the airplane wing, led to a worldwide grounding of DC-10's; but findings by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration indicated that "there are no fundamental shortcomings in the design of the DC-10 wing pylon." Nonetheless the publicity generated by the Chicago crash persuaded Alitalia to

cancel its order of DC-10's and propelled the corporation on a PR campaign to set straight the safety record of the aircraft which is used by carriers like Swiss Air, KLM, SAS, British Caledonian and Laker.

Launching a new commercial aircraft requires 100 firm offers from at least 3 major airlines. Marketing Representative Robert D. Gox told Arab News at the Al-Khobar Fair. The DC-XX, McDonnell Douglas' latest commercial design, measures 148.4 feet from nose to tail and promises more economical fuel consumption in an age when that sort of consideration will weigh heavily in any customer's decision to buy an airplane. The past decade has seen fuel costs leap—from 11-13 per cent to 30-35 per cent of aircraft operating expenses. In the 1980's planes, like cars, may have to be small in order to be beautiful. One design feature of the DC-XX, nonetheless, is its flexibility of interior, stretching or reducing its standard 180-passenger capacity by as much as 75 seats.

Military aircraft, whose sales account for about 60 per cent of the corporation's total aircraft sales, include the F/A-18 Hornet, 13 of which have already been delivered to the US Navy with 80 more on order; the AV-8A Harrier, a vertical take-off plane developed by McDonnell Douglas under a licensing agreement with British Aerospace; and the redoubtable F-15 Eagle which can move at more than two and a half times the speed of sound. 570 of this last fighter have already been delivered with 223 orders outstanding. 60 of these are earmarked for the Saudi



SPACE SHUTTLE: McDonnell Douglas is involved

Royal Airforce, whose first deliveries are scheduled for the third quarter of 1981.

Experience gained by McDonnell Douglas in American and European space operations has paid dividends in its automotive and solar energy programs. Among its space ventures are numbered the construction of Delta launch vehicles which carry communications and weather satellites into orbit, the Mercury and Gemini Spacecraft and Skylab. The corporation also is involved in the Space Shuttle and Spacelab programs.

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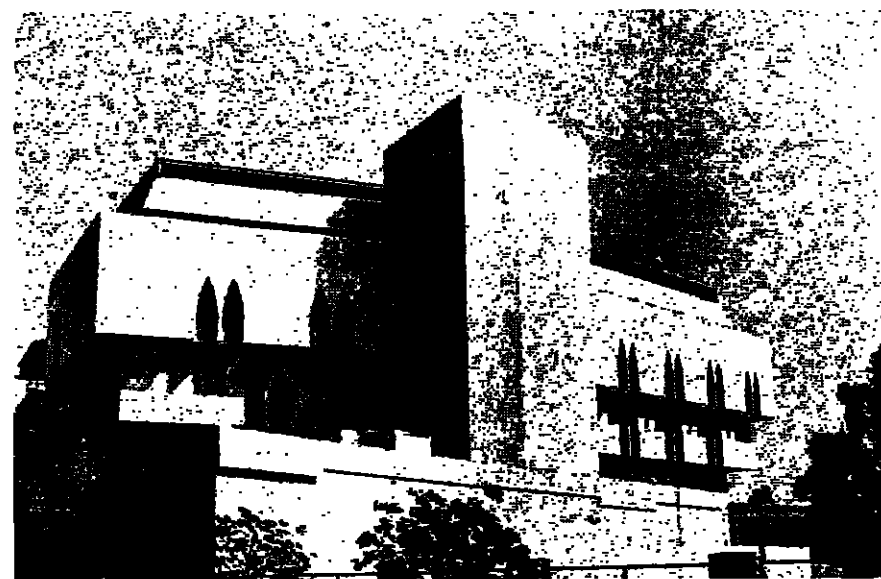
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Gulf may step up oil prospecting

MANAMA, Bahrain Dec. 21 (AP) — The United Arab Emirates has urged other Gulf states to step up oil prospecting to replenish diminishing supplies even though a report issued this week estimated Gulf states had 300 billion barrels of reserves left. The UAE oil minister, Mana Saeed Oteiba, in a recent newspaper interview complained about excessive production and said he was reducing his daily average production by 80,000 barrels a day as of Jan. 1.

"This oil must be used frugally, and we must save it for posterity," Oteiba was quoted as saying in the UAE newspaper *Al-Fajr*. "Oil will not last forever. It is a depletable resource."

The Qatar-based Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GIOC) issued a survey this week estimating the proven reserves of

crude oil in the Gulf countries at 300 billion barrels.

The survey did not specifically say which Gulf countries were included, but industry sources said it covered Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar.

Iran — which sits on 58 billion barrels of proven oil reserves — was not included in the GIOC survey, these sources said.

The published version of the survey did not give a country-by-country account of the oil reserve estimates. But a Saudi diplomat here said the Kingdom alone commands about 165 billion barrels of crude reserves.

According to GIOC, the survey showed oil reserves in the Gulf countries in January 1980, "when crude reserves here amounted to 69 per cent of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' total reserves and 40 per cent of the world's total."

The same survey complained that the Gulf countries were refining only 10 per cent of the bulk of their crude oil production.

It showed that the gas reserves in the same countries stood at 246.2 trillion cubic feet by the end of 1979.

Industry sources said the UAE held 20.5 trillion cubic feet, Saudi Arabia 95.7 trillion, Bahrain nine trillion, Iraq 27.5 trillion, Qatar about 60 trillion, and Kuwait 33.5 trillion cubic feet.

The total gas reserves, according to GIOC's survey, accounts for 24.9 per cent of OPEC member countries' total gas reserves and 9.6 per cent of the world's proven total.

GIOC sources said eight gas plants currently operating in the Gulf countries three — in Saudi Arabia, two in Kuwait, two in Qatar and one in the UAE — were producing a total of 3.8 billion cubic feet of liquefied gas a day.

The bulk of the gas coming out of the Gulf oilfields has been flared away as waste.

The number of gas plants in these countries is expected to reach 16 by mid-1982, industry sources said.

In Qatar, sources said the third gas processing plant has been blueprinted and the government was to invite tenders from U.S. or German firms for its construction.

Qatar has upgraded its proven gas reserves in the vast northwest gasfield, known as the dome because of its symmetrical shape.

Hong Kong, EEC suspend talks on textile accord

HONG KONG, Dec. 21 (AFP) — Talks in Brussels between Hong Kong and the European Economic Community (EEC) on the inclusion of Greece in the Hong Kong-EEC textile agreement have been suspended, it was learned here from official sources Saturday.

The main reason for the suspension was that the two sides could not agree on restraint limits for products that could be subject to specific quotas, commissioner of trade Peter Tsao said.

He added that Hong Kong has been informed that the EEC will introduce unilateral import restrictions for imports of certain textile products into Greece from Jan. 1 and that the regulations will be promulgated by the EEC before the end of this year.

Tsao warned local exporters that while his department would continue to issue export licences for shipments to Greece, there could be no guarantee of entry in view of the import measures which the EEC was instituting. Details of the restricted products will be given to exporters next week.

Greece will become a member of the EEC Jan. 1. It is the policy of the EEC that the textile agreements it has concluded under the multi-fibre textile arrangement (MFAG) should be extended to Greece as a new member state.

In the meantime, the cotton spinning and weaving sectors of the local textile industry have been severely hit by factors ranging from escalating costs to tough competition from Asian rivals, the chairman of a leading company said Saturday.

T.K. Ann, of Winsor Industrial Corporation, warned in an interim report to shareholders that the slump could continue, with difficulties in the local textile industry increasing as the impact of worldwide recession gradually made itself felt.

The cotton spinning and weaving sectors were the hardest hit, Ann said as demand had slackened and costs escalated but it was impossible to up selling prices sufficiently owing to severe competition from neighboring countries.

"Profit margins were slashed or non-existent. Imports of raw cotton declined, partly reflecting the erratic movement of cotton prices and partly the poor markets. Never since the 1950s have these two sectors seen such hard days," he concluded.

Japan halts budget increase 1st time in 22 years

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (AFP) — The cabinet of Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Saturday agreed to hold down the increase rate of Japan's national budget below 10 per cent for fiscal 1981 for the first time in 22 years. At a special meeting to lay down a policy for compiling the national budget, the cabinet also decided drastically to reduce the state's dependence on national bond issues, with a cutback by (about \$9,520 billion) to (about \$58,430 billion). This will leave the ratio of bonds to total revenues at 26.2 per cent, compared with 33.5 per cent for fiscal 1980 ending in March 1981.

In keeping with the policy the finance ministry was expected to set the general-account budget for fiscal 1981 at (about \$22,280 billion), up 9.9 per cent over fiscal 1980.

Meanwhile, informed sources said the government and the ruling Liberal-Democratic

Party, despite severe criticism from within, agreed in principle to increase defense spending for fiscal 1981 only by 7 per cent, down sharply from the 9.7 per cent sought by the defense agency with strong pressure from the United States government.

The finance ministry, calling for austerity, will present its 1981 draft budget, incorporating the defense outlay plan, next Monday for high-level political negotiations, the sources said.

The austerity budget plan might force the defense agency to drop some of its earlier defense buildup programs, including the purchase of C130 Hercules transport planes.

The agency had originally planned to acquire 80 more 1974-type tanks, warships totaling about 20,000 aggregated tons, six C130 Hercules and four E2C "Hawkeye" airborne early warning planes.

Explosions halt Iraqi oil through Syria

DAMASCUS, Dec. 21 (AP) — A series of explosions in Iraq's oil center of Kirkuk brought Iraqi crude oil supplies to the Syrian terminal at Banias to a total halt, diplomatic sources here revealed Saturday. The sources said that last Tuesday night "explosive charges blew up at the electricity generating stations in Kirkuk itself," explaining the generators provided power to the pumping stations. Although Iraq brought in spare generators, the source said another series of explosions blew up Wednesday, this time in the main pipeline, delayed the repair work.

Pumping through the 885 km pipeline linking Kirkuk to the northern Syrian port of Banias was resumed Dec. 1, after it had been out of operation since the start of the Iran-Iraq war Sept. 22. Iraq was pumping an average of 300,000 barrels per day through Banias and 400,000 barrels through the Turkish port of Doryol after its 3.2 million barrel a day exports were interrupted as a result of the war.

Sources in the Syrian capital last Wednesday reported a stoppage of Iraqi crude oil flow to Banias and said this was due to technical problems in Kirkuk's generators. Unconfirmed reports also indicated the fault may have affected oil supplies to Turkey through a second pipeline to the Mediterranean port of Doryol.

The sources said they believed Iraq was "well equipped to face this kind of sabotage and repair it quickly." Syria is expected to be earning \$125 million a year in transit fees as a result of the agreement with Iraq even though the two countries broke relations over the Iran-Iraq war.

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present high interest rates could financially jeopardize the three largest U.S. carmakers — Chrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation. "The time factor in this crisis is absolutely crucial, because failure to act will mean the auto industry in North America goes down the drain," Fraser said.

TEHRAN, (R) — Iran's Central Bank Saturday announced the nationalization of the Soviet-owned Irano-Russian bank, the only bank in Iran that has so far not been nationalized, Tehran state radio reported. Discussions between Soviet and Iranian officials on the future of the bank have been going on for two weeks, but no details have been disclosed. A statement quoted by the radio said the Irano-Russian Bank would be brought under full Iranian government ownership by January 20 next year. The new Iranian constitution states that the government should control the country's banks.

PEKING, (AP) — Two 10,000-ton deep-water berths went into operation Saturday at the Yangtze River port of Nantong, allowing some foreign ships to bypass crowded Shanghai harbor, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported Saturday. Xinhua said these were the first deep-water berths at a Yangtze river port, and will increase Nantong's annual handling capacity from 3 million to 3.8 million tons. Imported iron ore, which used to be transhipped through Shanghai, now will be handled through Nantong, and Barite from central China's Hubei Province will be exported to the United States from Nantong, it said.

CARACAS, (R) — Venezuela will probably increase the price of its oil by about \$3 per barrel from January, the Venezuelan mines and Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said here Saturday. Calderon Berti told reporters on his return from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) conference in Bali that Venezuela was still studying new prices. But he added that the price of Venezuelan crude would probably rise to \$37.75 from \$34.75. The new prices would be announced in January, he said.

DETROIT, (R) — The United Auto Workers (UAW) Union Saturday called for a meeting with President-elect Ronald Reagan to deal with what it called the crisis in the U.S. car industry. UAW president Douglas Fraser sent a telegram to Reagan warning him that

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Reagan selects woman as minorities advocate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan has announced the nomination of the first woman to his administration to an important post. Elizabeth Dole, 44, wife of prominent publican Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, will come assistant to the president for public son, which is understood to mean that she handle women's and ethnic minorities' blends.

White House job. Her husband was an unsuccessful contender against Reagan for the nomination this year as Republican candidate for president.

A former member of the Federal Trade Commission, Mrs. Dole joined the Reagan campaign after her husband abandoned the race and is presently an important member of the president-elect's transition team. That body is preparing the way for the new administration to take over next Jan. 20.

A transition team communique about the appointment described Mrs. Dole as "one of the most qualified Republicans in the country."

Sources here believed Mrs. Dole could play an extremely important role at the White House, particularly because her personal views have sometimes gone against those of the new president. Like Betty Ford, wife of former President Gerald Ford, Mrs. Dole has never hidden her support for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) — which Reagan opposes.

Her nomination — even though not to a cabinet-level position — should quell some observers' doubts, based on his previous nominations, that Reagan will appoint women and members of minority groups.

Toothbrush tuneful

MARSEILLES, Dec. 21 (AFP) — A dental surgeon has invented a musical toothbrush which plays tunes only when the teeth are being cleaned properly. The toothbrush can play 30 different tunes, each lasting 90 seconds. The music stops as soon as the toothbrush is not moved up and down. For his invention, Dr. Joseph Siahou, 33, has been awarded the bronze medal by the 9th international salon of inventions at Geneva.



Fidel Castro

Invasion likely under Reagan, Castro says

HAVANA, Dec. 21 (AP) — President Fidel Castro told an estimated one million Cubans Saturday that their island nation and some of its Latin American neighbors face the "real danger" of a U.S. invasion under the administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan.

He spoke to the huge throng gathered in the plaza of the Revolution at a rally ending the Cuban Communist Party's second congress.

"We are going to collect funds for the acquisition of arms," Castro said in his 80-minute speech. "We cannot trust in the good judgment of the enemy. We must become a country of workers and of soldiers."

The crowd cheered each pause in Castro's

speech: "Fidel, for sure, give it to the Yankees." Castro said Cuba must organize popular militias and urged all citizens to donate part of their spare time and vacations to a military training program.

"The dangers of war are real," he declared. "Humanity has never lived a similar

stage, with thousands of atomic bombs abundant in all parts." Castro said the election of Reagan marked the arrival of "reactionary and extreme rightist forces" and that Cuba and Grenada in the Caribbean and Nicaragua and El Salvador in Central America face the threat of invasion.

Radar gap charged in Italy crash

ROME, Dec. 21 (R) — Mystery surrounding an unexplained air crash deepened when Italian members of parliament charged that data at a Sicilian radar station had been erased minutes later.

Transport Minister Salvatore Formica said

last week that the plane might have been hit a missile. He said there was no evidence to support the theory but it was still the most likely explanation. The DC-9 of the domestic Itavia airline plunged into the sea off Sicily on June 27, killing all 81 passengers and crew.

Zimbabwe's witch doctors police ranks, seek legitimacy

SALISBURY, Dec. 21 (LAT) — On almost every continent there are cults claiming mystical powers, and occasional reports of sorcerers and witches casting spells.

But only in Africa are the activities of witch doctors, spirit mediums and herbalists almost daily news. Often the news is that such doctoring has been accompanied by murder: a witch doctor has been killed for failing to find a cure, or the patient has been carved up by a witch doctor looking for muti — the organs — to be dried and powdered as a cure for somebody else.

In the Zimbabwe city of Bulawayo, a judge recently sentenced to death a soldier who had confessed to beheading a woman and cutting out her heart "for

witchcraft purposes." In the same city some weeks earlier, a tribesman who had beaten a nganga — a witch — to death with a burning log was sentenced to 10 years in jail. The judge found extenuating circumstances for the murder. The killer, Zuthu Vundla, believed the Nganga had caused the death of Vundla's 11-year-old sister of prescribing "bad medicine."

Yet there is a growing realization by Western-trained doctors — both black and white — that some tribal medicines are useful and effective. For their part, herbalists and spirit mediums are beginning to organize and police their profession, weeding out practitioners who are giving "traditional healing" a bad name.

Leading this effort in Zimbabwe is a

1964 University of California, Los Angeles, graduate with a doctorate in Philosophy from the University of London, Gordon Chavunduka, who is now dean of the faculty of social studies at the University of Zimbabwe. He is also a herbalist.

He is distressed that this healing science is so often confused with the bone-thriving, multi-making and the get-well intonations of what he considers the charlatans of African medicine. Among Zimbabwe's 6 million black citizens, "something like 50 per cent of the people consult traditional healers," Chavunduka estimated, but adding that no surveys have been made. Others make use of Western-

style medical services in clinics and hospitals.

As in Communist China, where herbalists are respected, Chavunduka said the African healer with a knowledge of herbs and other ingredients successfully treats stomach problems, headaches and other ailments. Even with his Western education, Chavunduka refuses to denigrate a second type of traditional doctor — the spirit medium.

What has been lacking in the past, Chavunduka explained, "is for our reputable practitioners to have something like your (Western) medical societies. We need proper registration of traditional healers, with their qualifications known."

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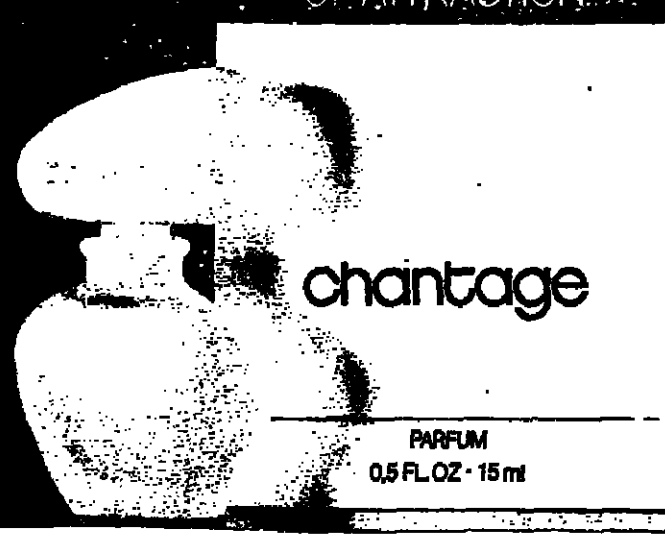
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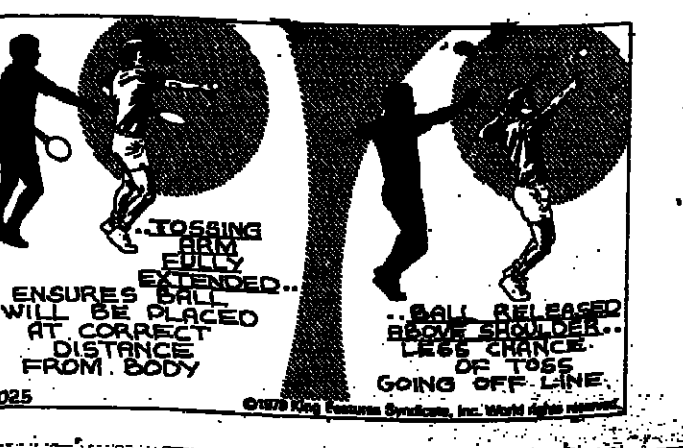


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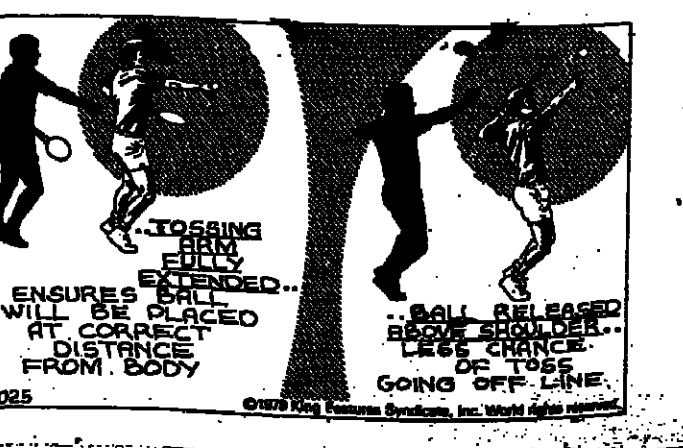
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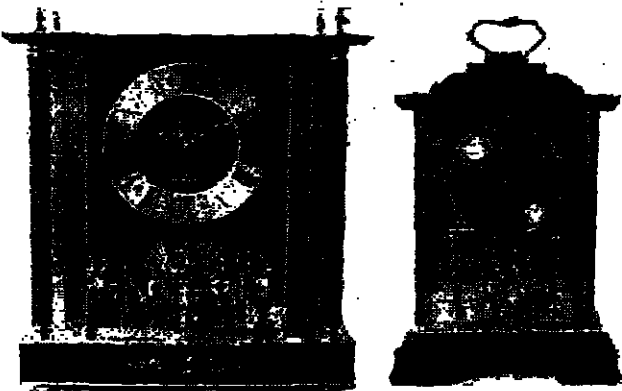
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Plan to deport Iranians a flop, U.S. aides say

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The program President Jimmy Carter set in motion to find and deport Iranians who violate terms of their U.S. visas is almost as old as the hostage crisis and, for some, almost as frustrating.

Only a small number of violators have been forced to leave the United States since the effort began a year ago, and almost all con-

U.S. jury finds Iranian innocent of murdering teen

DENVER, Colorado Dec. 21 (AP) — A 21-year-old Iranian student was acquitted Saturday of murder and assault charges stemming from the shooting death of a teenager and the wounding of two others during a wave of anti-Iranian sentiment last year.

Upon hearing the verdict, Afshin Shariati leaped to his feet and embraced defense attorney Scott Robinson. The other defense attorney, Walter Gerash, burst into tears and buried his face in his hands. In the gallery Shariati's American wife, Toni, also wept. The parents of 15-year-old Paul Moritzky, the youth killed in the incident, remained impassive.

The verdict was returned almost exactly 24 hours after the case went to the Denver district court jury.

Moritzky was killed and two others were wounded by Shariati after they smashed in a window in his apartment with baseball bats in an apparent attempt to see revenge for the taking of American hostages in Iran. Shariati admitted shooting the boys but said he did so to protect his house from what he thought was a bomb attack.

Shariati was charged with second-degree murder and with attempted second-degree murder and assault. Over defense objections Judge Daniel Sparr told the jury on Friday that it also could consider verdicts of reckless manslaughter or criminally negligent homicide, a misdemeanor.

The jury acquitted Shariati on all of those charges. Shariati declined to comment on the verdict as he left the courtroom, saying only that he wanted to "thank the jurors."

Pope to visit Japan

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 21 (AP) — Pope John Paul II announced Sunday that he will make a visit to the Far East Feb. 16-27 of next year, stopping in the Philippines, Guam and Japan.

The pontiff told a crowd of 5,000 standing in the rain at St. Peter's Square that he will travel first to Manila to celebrate the beatification of 16 martyrs, including one Filipino.

cerned — government investigators, attorneys and the Iranians themselves — agree that it isn't working. Others contend the program was wrong-headed from the start.

"It has caused only harsh feelings toward the United States on the part of people who are going to become the business leaders, professionals and government leaders in their own country one day," says attorney David Carliner, who fought the screening program all the way to the supreme court — and lost. "It gave official color to prejudice and hostility."

The program was launched soon after Iranian militants took over the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979, and seized its American personnel — 52 of whom have been held ever since.

But the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service "just does not have the resources" for the effort, says the former acting deputy commissioner of immigration, Martin Danziger, who headed the deportation program while at INS.

In the year since the deportation program started, 59,577 Iranian students have been interviewed. Some 7,771 were deemed deportable by INS agents, and the service estimates that another 10,000 may be deportable because they failed to show up for interviews. But so far, only 681 have actually left the country.

"The reason is simply the legal system that allows them to have the full protection of the constitution," says INS spokesman Verne Jervis. "They are entitled to full due process of law."

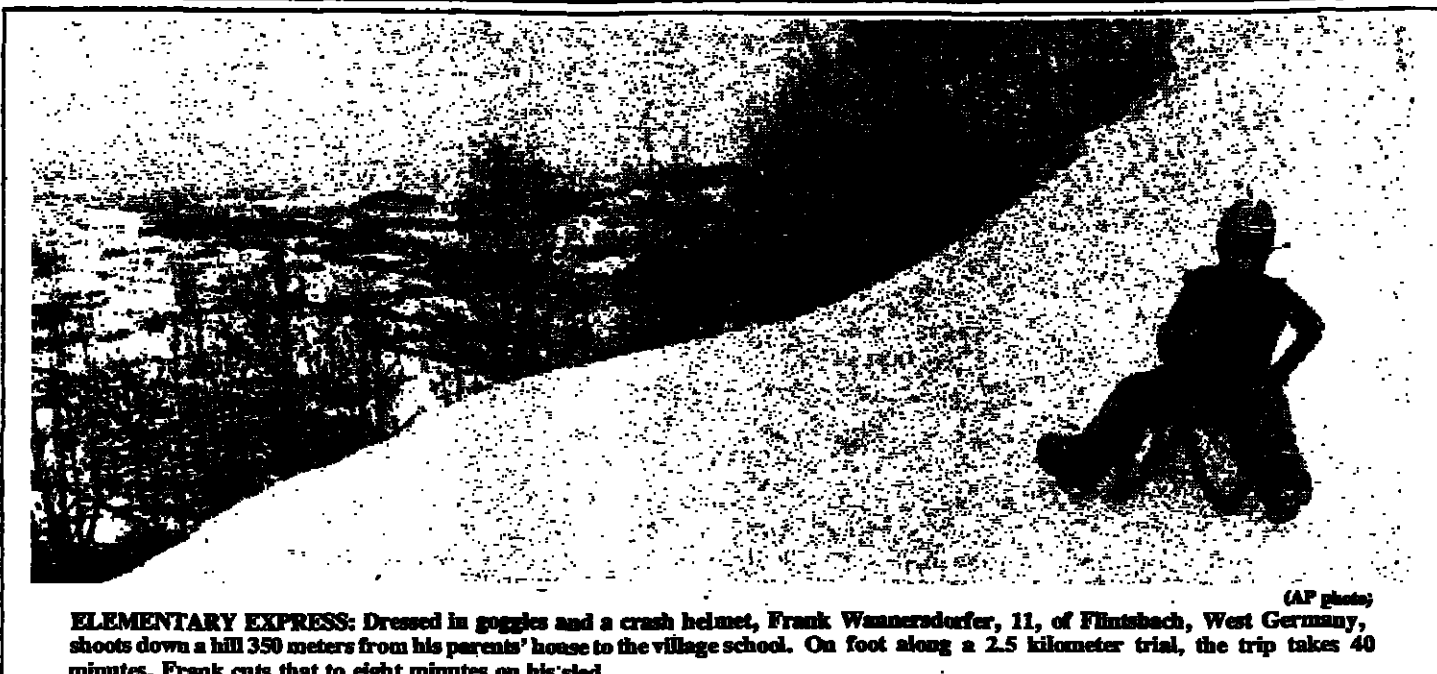
That process can be lengthy. An investigator may seek a deportation order from an immigration judge once he is convinced an alien is deportable. But that order may be appealed to the board of immigration appeals in Washington, then to a circuit court of appeals, and finally, to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The process can be short-circuited virtually at any point if the alien requests political asylum. The INS has received and forwarded to the State Department 2,638 such requests from Iranian students since the embassy takeover. Not one has yet been acted upon.

Many of those seeking refuge apparently are afraid that if they are given asylum, word will get back to Iran and retribution will be taken either against themselves or their families and friends.

Investigators say fear is also the main reason thousands of Iranians did not report for interviews. "We were afraid of information being passed to the other side," said one student — an opponent of Iran's current regime — arrested recently for failing to report for an interview by Dec. 31, as Carter had ordered.

But perhaps the single biggest reason the program has achieved so little is the paucity of resources at INS.



ELEMENTARY EXPRESS: Dressed in goggles and a crash helmet, Frank Wannerdörfer, 11, of Flimsbach, West Germany, shoots down a hill 350 meters from his parents' house to the village school. On foot along a 2.5 kilometer trail, the trip takes 40 minutes. Frank cuts that to eight minutes on his sled.

But cancer cure doubtful

Doomed find hope at Tijuana laetrile clinic

TIJUANA, Mexico, Dec. 21 (AP) — There are faces in the waiting room full of death and there are faces full of hope. Flesh hangs loosely on skeletal frames or clings too tightly over bodies distended by disease.

They have come here in search of the chance their own doctors would not or could not give them: laetrile, a substance that most doctors consider worthless in the battle against cancer.

Laetrile is a whitish powder that is usually extracted from apricot pits in North America or from bitter almonds in Europe and Asia. Properly known as amygdalin, it is a natural substance found in parts of more than 1,200 plants, from apple and cherry seeds to many beans and grasses.

On Jan. 1, laetrile becomes legally available in California, the most populous of the United States and home of about half the

patients who come to Tijuana. However, medical workers and patients agree that Tijuana will remain the last resort — the place to come when other doctors have told cancer victims simply to go home and die.

They flock to this laetrile capital of the world not to hear someone tell them that they will live, only that they at least have a chance.

Cancer victims are treated as outpatients in villa-style clinics, or, if there are vacancies, they stay in simple, homey rooms overlooking small garden plazas with fountains as centerpieces.

"They told me in the hospital that they could do nothing for me," said Jim Lapdell, a farmer from New Zealand. "I was written off. I just said: 'Thank you very much,' and turned around and walked out. Didn't even ask how long I had."

Lapdell, 55, was not ready to die. Laetrile

is available in New Zealand, he said, "but the doctors are afraid to use it."

That hesitation is something the Tijuana clinics are literally banking on these days, as they await the impact of the California law. The measure legalizes, for the next four years, the manufacture, sale, prescription and use of laetrile, with some restrictions, for terminal cancer patients.

Twenty-two American states have similar laws, despite a U.S. government ban on shipping laetrile, or any of its ingredients, between states. The practical effect is that laetrile can only be used in states where it can also be manufactured.

The medical establishment is almost unanimous in dismissing the chemical as an unproven treatment at best — and at worst a potentially dangerous and worthless elixir dispensed by charlatans.

"We have found no evidence whatever that this is of any value in the management of cancer," said Dr. G. Congdon Wood, an assistant vice president of the American Cancer Society. Speaking of the whole range of unconventional practitioners, Wood said: "Some of these people have found a way to make a very good living by encouraging people to go to extremely unorthodox and in some cases even unethical forms of treatment."

Laetrile proponents claim thousands of individual cancer patients have been saved by the chemical and the nutrition therapy associated with it. Supporters often allege conspiracies of government, doctors and drug companies eager to protect the profits of conventional anti-cancer surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

Elite hit for shunning 'Gang' trial

PEKING, Dec. 21 (AFP) — For the second time since the opening of the Peking trial of Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing and nine other Cultural Revolution leaders, a Communist Chinese newspaper has hinted clearly that highly placed personalities were refusing to come and give evidence.

The *Guangming Daily* Sunday quoted woman jurist Han Youtong as saying that it was "the duty of everyone, whether leaders or ordinary citizens, to show a responsible attitude towards the country and give evidence" if they were in possession of facts that might aid the judges.

The statement echoes a *People's Daily* article of Dec. 4 and appears to be aimed at figures who held key posts during the Cultural Revolution, observers said. For instance

Communist Party Chairman Hua Guofeng rose rapidly in the hierarchy during the Cultural Revolution (1966-67), holding the key post of minister of public security during its last months.

Mrs. Han singled out those who thought that "coming to court to give evidence is discreditable or that those who give evidence are in disgrace."

All the witnesses who have given evidence to the court since Nov. 20 when the trial opened have made scathing attacks on Jiang and her co-defendants. Many of them are former Cultural Revolution figures, currently in prison, and among the accused themselves are people like "Gang of Four" member Wang Hongwen who has said a lot to incriminate his co-defendants.

Iraq puts down roots in captured Khorramshahr

BASRA, Iraq, Dec. 21 (R) — Iraq shows every sign of preparing for an indefinite occupation of the Iranian port city of Khorramshahr and the area immediately around it, according to reporters who visited the city. They said they found the city devastated, empty of civilians and echoing the crack of artillery exchanges.

But in a nearby village the Iraqi government was setting up basic services, including supplies of new farm equipment, for the people who have remained. These moves to

establish an Iraqi civilian administration in occupied Iranian territory, which have been given prominence in the official Iraqi press, indicate that Baghdad will not easily give up the city which its forces captured only after weeks of bloody house-to-house fighting.

Baghdad has not said publicly whether it wants to keep Khorramshahr, the only Iranian town of any size occupied by the Iraqis in three months of war. But absorbing the area into Iraqi life would be relatively easy because its inhabitants are ethnically Arab, rather than Persian.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Press reports from Cairo are painting a grim picture of life there at the moment. The city's population has reached the nine million mark. Its infrastructure — housing, electricity, roads, sewerage, etc. — was built to support more than three million. Cairo, they say, is very nearly bursting at the seams.

The situation has arisen partly from Egypt's lingering population explosion. And although the rate of population increase in some of the countries of the Gulf is higher, Egypt's population is so large now that the increase tells far more dramatically. The country's economic ability to meet the challenge is, if anything, decreasing.

The question of rising population in the Arab world is, at least theoretically, not urgent. Vast tracts of usable land, and the capital to make them viable, are there for the asking. But the political and social dimensions of the problem are so vast that the prospect of a planned population movement within the Arab world is still remote.

A story from Cairo, told by a friend who had just come from there, illustrates both the terrible conditions and the resilience of the people. Egyptian humor has always been proverbial. At the moment, it is definitely taking a dark and bitter tinge.

He was served coffee by an old man at the office of a friend in Cairo. He thanked the servant and asked, out of politeness, how he was doing "in these hard times." "Fine," came the answer. "My family and I are enjoying the kind hospitality of So and So Pasha."

It took my friend a moment to realize what the poor old gentleman was talking about. "So and So Pasha" was a famous man dead for many years. The old man saw that my friend had understood. "Yes," he continued. "I sleep there, the Pasha sleeps in the middle, and my wife sleeps on the other side."

The old man was living in the cemetery. Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

Japan to work less

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (AFP) — In apparent recognition that the Japanese are "workaholics" by comparison with workers in other industrialized countries, the labor ministry is about to urge a cut of about two hours in the length of the working week, sources said.

The move comes against a background of foreign criticism that the Japanese predilection for work is causing international trade friction. The labor ministry will Monday issue a letter to area governors and local labor standard bureaus, aiming at a cut in the average working year from 2,114 hours in 1979 to 2,000 hours or less by March 1986.

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